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TEST OF STATESMANSHIP Palestine Conference Opens Talks Boycotted By The Jews

London, Sept. 10.
The problem is not insoluble, "but the discovery of a solution will be a high test of statesmanship," declared Mr. Attlee, Prime Minister, in a formal address following the opening of the Palestine round-table conference in Lancaster House today.

Opening the conference, Mr. Attlee said that while discussion of the Government's plan would be the first item on the agenda, he wished to make it quite clear that "we have not made up our minds in advance of our discussions with you."

He added: "Our plan is to ask you to consider our proposal. It is open to any delegation either to suggest amendments to it or to put forward proposals for a settlement on different lines."

Neither the Palestine Arabs nor the Jewish delegates were at the conference to hear Mr. Attlee. Only a handful of on-lookers gathered as the delegates drove up to Lancaster House this morning.

The first to arrive were the delegates from Saudi Arabia, wearing gorgeous robes of black and gold, and with the flag of their country fluttering on the bonnet of their sleek black limousine. They were followed by the delegates from Trans-Jordan, Syria, the Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Yemen and the United Kingdom.

It was officially announced later that no Jews would be present at today's conference. Earlier, it was reported that the Colonial Secretary, Mr. George Hall, was seeing Harry Goodman, political secretary of the Orthodox Jewish organisation Agudat Israel, but a Jewish Agency spokesman was very doubtful if Jewish representatives would attend.

Attlee Speech
In his speech, Mr. Attlee said: "It is from an interchange of views on such lines as this conference, that an adequate solution is most likely to emerge."

"You as statesmen know that no conference can achieve anything if those attending it have made up their minds in advance and are determined to adhere to preconceived opinions. In a matter of this kind where a great clash of interests is involved there must be give and take; it is only along the path of negotiation, where all views are respected and taken into consideration, that we can hope to emerge into daylight."

"Finally, we must all remember that the Palestine problem cannot be regarded in isolation but must be regarded against the wider background of world policy."

"Palestine is a tiny country but everything that happens in it has reactions in a far wider sphere. To plan Palestine while ignoring these reactions would be to shut one's eyes to the realities of the case; the structure might seem worthy but the foundations would be sand."

"It is fitting that the whole of this broad background should be surveyed in a spirit of friendship at this conference table. For anything that affects the Arab people is the matter of the British people's interest, and in the same way the destiny of Britain is, I believe, a matter of importance to Arabs. We are associated in a natural partnership."

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PALESTINE COMBED

Jerusalem, Sept. 10.
Approximately 8,000 British troops joined the Police today in making house-to-house searches in Tel-Aviv for terrorists responsible for the explosions last night. Units of the 8th Airborne Division moved into Ramat Gan village and cordoned off all streets before beginning to screen the 5,000 inhabitants.

In all, over a third of Palestine's Jewish population was put under "house arrest" today as British troops and police hunted for the terrorists whose bombings resulted in 3 deaths, a score of injuries and widespread property damage.—Associated Press.

A.T.S. Platoon In Hong Kong

An Auxiliary Territorial Service Platoon, composed of overseas service, has arrived in the Colony to take over secretarial and signals work at Headquarters Land forces, from Servicemen due for demob.

All the girls have been overseas since June, 1945, and come from service in Singapore. The Platoon numbers 31 in all.

The Officer Commanding is Junior Commander Beauchamp. Many of the girls are already veterans of the A.T.S., among them, Staff Sergeant Brierley of Bosham, Sussex, who joined up in October, 1939. Another member with long service is Sergeant Stephens, a Hertfordshire girl, who joined up in 1940 as a convoy driver.

The A.T.S. has a magnificent record of war service and the familiar A.T.S. badge is still to be seen on duty in many parts of the world. The future of the Service is still to be decided upon, but its name is securely enrolled in the annals of British military history.

Revenge Killing Of British Sergeant

Jerusalem, Sept. 10.
Twenty-five armed Jews, who battled with Arab police, attacked a goods train near Jerusalem, and several railway workers were injured when a trolley was blown up by a bomb on the line. The main Palestine-Egypt line was cut in three places.

Five mines were found across the entrance to the British Army camp.

The Public Information Office and press censorship office in the all-Jewish city of Tel-Aviv were wrecked by a bomb thrown from a passing car.

The line was cut by exploding mines on the railway in Tel-Aviv and on the dividing line between Tel-Aviv and Jaffa.

A British sergeant was fatally wounded by two Jewish gunmen in Haifa. The killing is regarded as an act of vengeance by the Stern Gang of Jewish terrorists, who are believed to have considered the sergeant responsible for the arrest of the alleged Commander of the organization.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish terrorist organization, attacked a British security officer's house in Tel-Aviv with explosives, seriously injuring the security officer and trapping his wife in the wreckage. The adjoining Public Information Office and Food Control building were damaged by explosions.

Partial Failure
A British public information officer described the attack as "apparently part of a larger terror campaign which partially failed because of a breach in timing."

The officer said it was believed that the campaign was planned by "either the Hagana or Irgun Zvai Leumi."

"We believe this morning's blastings of the railway at several points was planned to coincide with yesterday's explosions in the Haifa port area," the officer said, "but something went wrong."

Besides cutting the railway, the attacks have temporarily disrupted the oil flow to Haifa.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Soviet Haul From Zeiss Works

Jena, Sept. 10.
The Russians are taking from the great Zeiss Optical Works here nearly £600,000 worth of finished products monthly for reparations, the German directors of the plant have told American correspondents.

They estimated that since the occupation, the Russians have taken about £4,800,000 worth of products. The directors, however, denied that any of these products were war materials as reported in some sections of the foreign press.

Dr. Hugo Schrade, one of the directors, said the only Zeiss machinery dismantled and removed by the Russians was equipment solely devoted to war production. He said the reversion of the plant to peacetime production had been rapid and that the plant is now operating at 39 per cent capacity or about 75 per cent of its peak wartime production reached in 1942. This in spite of 30 per cent bomb damage.

He said that 12,000 employees are engaged in making such products as binoculars, microscopes, medical, astronomical and surveying instruments. He valued the current production at between £7,000,000 and £8,000,000 monthly, rating the Mark at the present value of 40 cents to an American dollar.

Dr. Schrade said the Americans, before they left, took about £1,100,000,000 worth of equipment from Zeiss "on requisition orders."

"The Americans also took with them most of our original board directors and about 80 of our scientists and specialists," he said, adding that the Russians also took some scientists, "but for political reasons."—Associated Press.

U.S. Prepared To Use All Weapons

Wrightsville, Beach, N.C., Sept. 10.
Under-Secretary of War Kenneth Royall said here today that "for the present, we must be prepared" to use every weapon not outlawed by international agreement "if America is attacked, or if an aggressor nation starts again on a creeping campaign of conquest."

He said in his address that his words were not intended to be "belligerent and warlike but we are convinced from history and from conditions existing today that a weak America would be an invitation to aggressive war and that a strong and peace-loving America will be the greatest detriment to such a war."

Speaking of the atomic bomb, Royall said: "Surely no sensible person feels that we can abandon the bomb or its use or that we can cease to seek its improvement as a weapon of war, until we can be absolutely sure that other nations have permanently dispensed with the bomb and have completely ceased their efforts to develop it."—Associated Press.

"Cooling"

New Delhi, Sept. 9.
Mr. Hussain Suhrawardy, Muslim League Prime Minister of Bengal, commented today on the broadcast on Saturday by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, head of the Indian Interim Government: "No one is deceived by the cooling of Nehru's broadcast."

The speech, he added, was made for foreign consumption. He appealed to Pandit Nehru and his colleagues to "take a bold leap forward and co-operate with the Muslim League on terms of equality and brotherhood, before the chain reaction of the world is triggered off."

SCUTTLE ORDERS

Moscow, Sept. 10.
All Italian naval commanders have been given sealed secret orders to sink all their ships when the time comes for the vessels to be surrendered to the Allies as reparations under the peace treaty terms, a Rome dispatch to the "Pravda" said today.

"Pravda's" correspondent gave as his source "stubborn rumours recently circulating in local (Rome) journalistic circles."—Associated Press.

Crisis With Russia Looms

Washington, Sept. 10.
Sumner Welles, former Under-Secretary of State, said today that a crisis between Russia and the Western Powers is inevitable and now they have plunged into the most serious of all their disputes—the one over Greece.

The crisis is "looming," Welles said in a broadcast, and "we will now find out" whether it will be solved through statesmanship and the United Nations or whether there will be "continuing demonstrations" of armed power of the contenders.

Welles declared that "the Soviet Government has recently undertaken to browbeat and threaten the Greek people. So long as Greece stands out as a staunch bulwark of Western Democracy in the Balkans, the attempt of Moscow to consolidate Russian control over the Eastern Mediterranean cannot be successfully carried out."

Praising Greece for the resistance which "forced a change in all of Hitler's strategy," Welles said the fundamental question is whether the United Nations in seeking a stable international system, "can afford to permit a free and independent people to be absorbed against their will in the orbit of an expanding Soviet Union."

—Associated Press.

Paris, Sept. 10.
The French National Assembly divided equally today with 273 votes for the 273 votes against a motion to submit the new electoral law to the national referendum.—Reuter.

"Buses" Taken Off The Road

The fleet of 20 odd motor trucks which have been operating a passenger service from the Star Ferry Wharf, Tsimshatsui, to Shamshulpo and Kowloon City for the last few weeks, has been taken off the road on the order of the Police.

It is unconfirmedly reported that Police action followed a protest from the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. for infringing of their passenger bus franchise, and that negotiations are afoot for the trucks to operate under the control of the Company.

The trucks have been doing a good business and helped to relieve the traffic congestion on the mainland. They carried passengers for 30 cents a trip against 20 cents charged by the Bus Company.

Since the trucks have been off the road the buses have again been overcrowded, and during the rush hours it was well nigh impossible to find one's way into any of them.

The bicycle peddlars have also benefited from the situation. Hitherto the trucks had proved too strong a competitor for them, but with these vehicles now off the road, they are again doing a good business and seems they are making the most of it during the remaining 20 days they are allowed to operate.

Bombay, Sept. 10.
The Police Commissioner of Bombay has ordered an extension of the curfew for seven days from today. After curfew hours are between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. and the curfew will be extended to 11 p.m. on the 11th and 12th of the month.

Robertson "Not Required"

London, Sept. 10.
Mr. William Robertson, assistant manager of the American Express Company in Hongkong and an officer in the HKRNV, who was flown to London from Hongkong to give evidence for the prosecution in the court martial of Major Cecil Boon, RASC, was told by the Judge Advocate that he would not be required to give further evidence when the court opened today.

The defending counsel, Mr. G.O. Slade, KC, had yesterday protested against Mr. Robertson being flown to London, renewing his submission that it was unfair to hold the trial in England.

Today was the thirteenth day of the Boon trial in which he is facing charges of voluntarily aiding the Japanese while a prisoner of war in Hong Kong.

The first witness, William Alfred Turner, a former corporal of the Middlesex Regiment, who was a policeman at the prisoner-of-war camp, said the Japanese sergeant, Matsubara, used to bring cigarettes to the camp and took and brought messages for witness and his commanding officer. If money was asked for he brought that as well.

On one occasion when Boon found him speaking with Matsubara and holding a pair of binoculars, Boon told him to take them to the sentry with instructions to hand them to the Japanese.

He refused, saying, "You ought to assist us and not the Japanese." Boon told him not to be so insolent and at a later stage he said: "What have you to lose by helping the Japanese?"

Witness reported this incident to his commanding officer and after that he was taken off certain police duties. Turner then told how after he told Boon he did not like being spied on by him he was ordered by the camp commandant to apologise to Boon.—Reuter.

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TRIESTE RIOTS

Trieste, Sept. 9.
There were 12 civilian casualties, two of them cases of gunshot wounds, in the Sunday morning street fighting in Trieste, it was learned today. A hand grenade thrown at an American jeep resulted in slight injuries to one of the Allied officers in the vehicle and three United States soldiers.

A policeman of the Venezia Giulia province was seriously wounded in the leg and a civilian woman was wounded in the chest. Two men were arrested after the grenade throwing.

There were no official confirmations here that during the disorders American officers and men fired into the crowds.—Reuter.

No Supplies For Yugoslavs

New York, Sept. 9.
Mr. Joseph P. Ryan, President of the International Longshoremen's Association, which is affiliated to the American Federation of Labour, said today that his men would not load any relief supplies for Yugoslavia until "proper action has been taken against those who are responsible for the shooting down of our planes."

Even if the strike of the affiliated seamen ended, today there would still be no loading of any ships with cargoes for Yugoslavia, he added.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

Pressure remains high over China, the Netherlands East Indies and E. of Japan. A low pressure trough stretches from Indo-China to the Philippines with branches extending to Japan and the Marianas. A typhoon E. of the Marianas is moving NW. Another, 150 miles NE. of Manila at 6.00 p.m., Hong Kong time is moving WNW or NW at 15 to 18 knots.

Forecast: Variable winds at first but NE. setting in and gradually freshening; weather fine but clouds increasing as the wind freshens.

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 81.3 deg. F. Minimum: 78.8 deg. F. Sunshine: 10.5 hrs. Rainfall: Nil.

Max. Rel. Humidity: 88 per cent.

TYPHOON NEWS

Tokyo, Sept. 10.
Typhoon "Opal" is approaching Manila, moving due west at 18 miles an hour, and should strike the Philippine capital in the morning, weather forecasters here said today.

The winds are expected to reach 65 miles an hour. Typhoon "Opal" did not affect the Japanese weather, but forecasters expect the winds to sweep over Luzon and Formosa.—Associated Press.

The Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, reports two typhoons—one east of the Marianas, the other north-east of Manila, moving WNW or NW.

U.S. FREIGHTER SMOULDERING

Manila, Sept. 10.
Fires smouldered in the United States Line freighter "Star Knot" for the third day, after explosions on Sunday hurled a hatch-cover skyward and stopped all the ship's engines.

Her master, has advised the shore authorities, however, that the ship is in no immediate danger and that there had been no casualties.

Captain Thomas Dorso said the fires are still burning, but are all in isolated spots deep inside the hull.

Whaling Fleet For Antarctic

Oslo, Sept. 10.
A whaling fleet consisting of 62 whalers and seven auxiliaries will leave for the Antarctic in the near future.

No aircraft will be used on the Norwegian mother ships but the British vessel "Balaena" will carry some planes.

The Director of Whaling said today: "It is impossible to understand General MacArthur's permitting the Japanese to undertake whaling. He cannot know anything about the rules and treaties which existed before the war."

Mr. Evensen, Norwegian Minister for Trade, said it is possible that the question of Japanese whaling will be discussed at an international whaling conference in November. He hoped Britain, Norway and other whaling nations would control the Japanese whalers when they put to sea.

Reuter reports from Melbourne that Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, today said he had been informed permission had been granted by General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, for Japanese whalers to operate in the Antarctic as a temporary measure to assist in meeting the Japanese food shortage.

The Japanese would operate on a quota basis.—Reuter.

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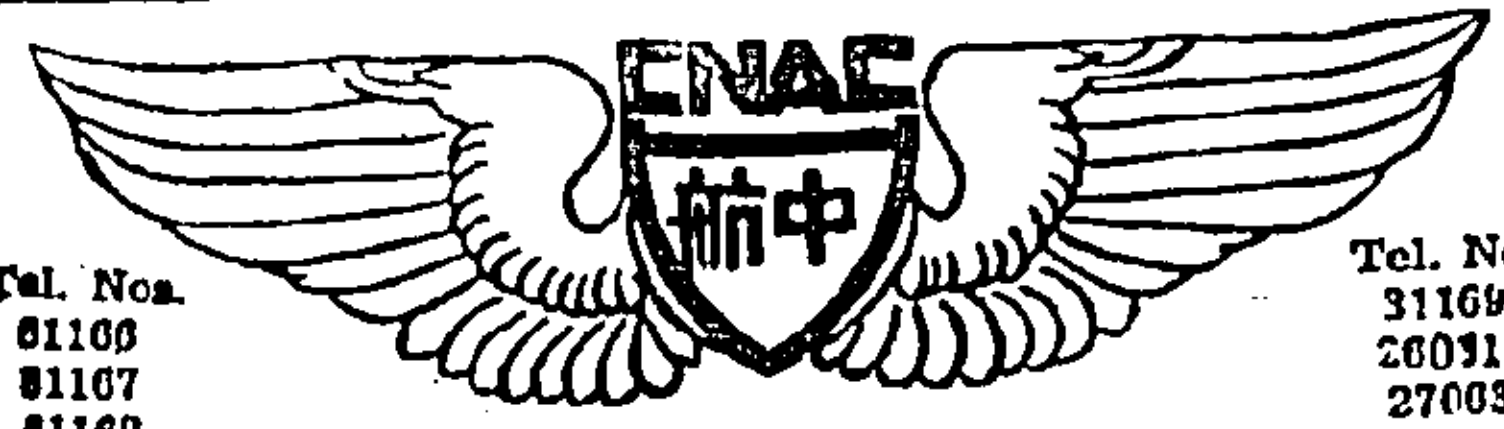
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THE GERMAN DILEMMA

The Potsdam agreement provided, amongst other things, that Germany should be administered from Berlin as an economic entity. France has always feared the idea of a reunited Germany and has done her best in Berlin, by her power of veto on the Allied Control Commission, to sabotage this project. Russia, from entirely different motives, has pursued a similar policy. The net result has been extremely disagreeable for both Britain and the United States. To maintain minimum standards of nations in the British and American zones, the Anglo-Saxon powers have been compelled to pay "reparations in reverse."

Russia, on the other hand, occupying predominantly agricultural areas, has been able to quarter an immense army on the local German populations and, at the same time, to carry off a large surplus of foodstuffs which should be going to feed the industrial areas of Western Germany. What is the solution of this dilemma? It should, in fact, be much simpler than most observers have concluded. Despite Mr. Byrnes' speech on the Oder line, it is doubtful if anything can be done to prevent Russian absorption of Eastern Germany. That is a "fait accompli." France will adjust her outlook to this possibly with deep satisfaction. The fundamental fear of France is that there will be a united Reich which will once more be a deadly menace to the liberties of Europe. From this fear, springs the French desire to annex the Saar, occupy the Rhineland and internationalize the Ruhr. But the truncation of Germany has already been achieved by the virtual Russian annexation of the Eastern zone. Germany, having been stripped of Silesia and East Prussia by the Russians, is already immensely reduced in war-making capacity. The need for stripping the Reich of the industrial areas in the West is correspondingly reduced. Unfortunately, the French do not see the problem in this light. During the recent Paris conference, M. Byrnes offered complete cooperation between the American zone and that of any other occupying power which desired it. Britain has already taken advantage of this sensible offer. It was a great gift to France's advantage to accept as well. But it may be that Communist pressure will be too strong to permit the French Government to take a step which would certainly be denounced by Moscow as a move in the direction of forming a "Western bloc." If the three Western zones could be federated together, possibly with headquarters at Frankfurt, the German problem would assume different and more manageable proportions. Shorn permanently of the Eastern provinces and no longer centred on Berlin, the historic heart of Prussian militarism, Western Germany could be organised on a basis which would assure a decent life to its inhabitants and, at the same time, it would constitute no danger to its neighbours. Allied supervision would be needed for many years to ensure that the three zones remained permanently demilitarized, but there would be no need, as some have proposed, to destroy the heavy industry of the Ruhr. On the contrary, it should be organised and developed, not only to serve the needs of Western Germany but also of her neighbours. There can be no true prosperity in Western Europe without a Germany economically sound. The federal structure provides an opportunity for this, and this is the only way to ensure a lasting peace.

Too Late

When they were well away with Clarke at their head the guards began to wonder why, with all their tommyguns and grenades they had obeyed an unarmed man whose whiplash tongue could have been silenced for ever with one well-directed round. It wasn't always as "simple" as that, and Captain Clarke won't say much about how he managed to save these helpless people from their captors. He is afraid that if his methods were made known Europeans still in Indonesian prison-camps might suffer for his escapades. Details that are available come largely from Dutch sources, but we do know that this extraordinary man with the soft eyes and the prof with successfully "ingrained" the freedom of two hundred and one prisoners from the Javanese hell-camps in the space of a few months.

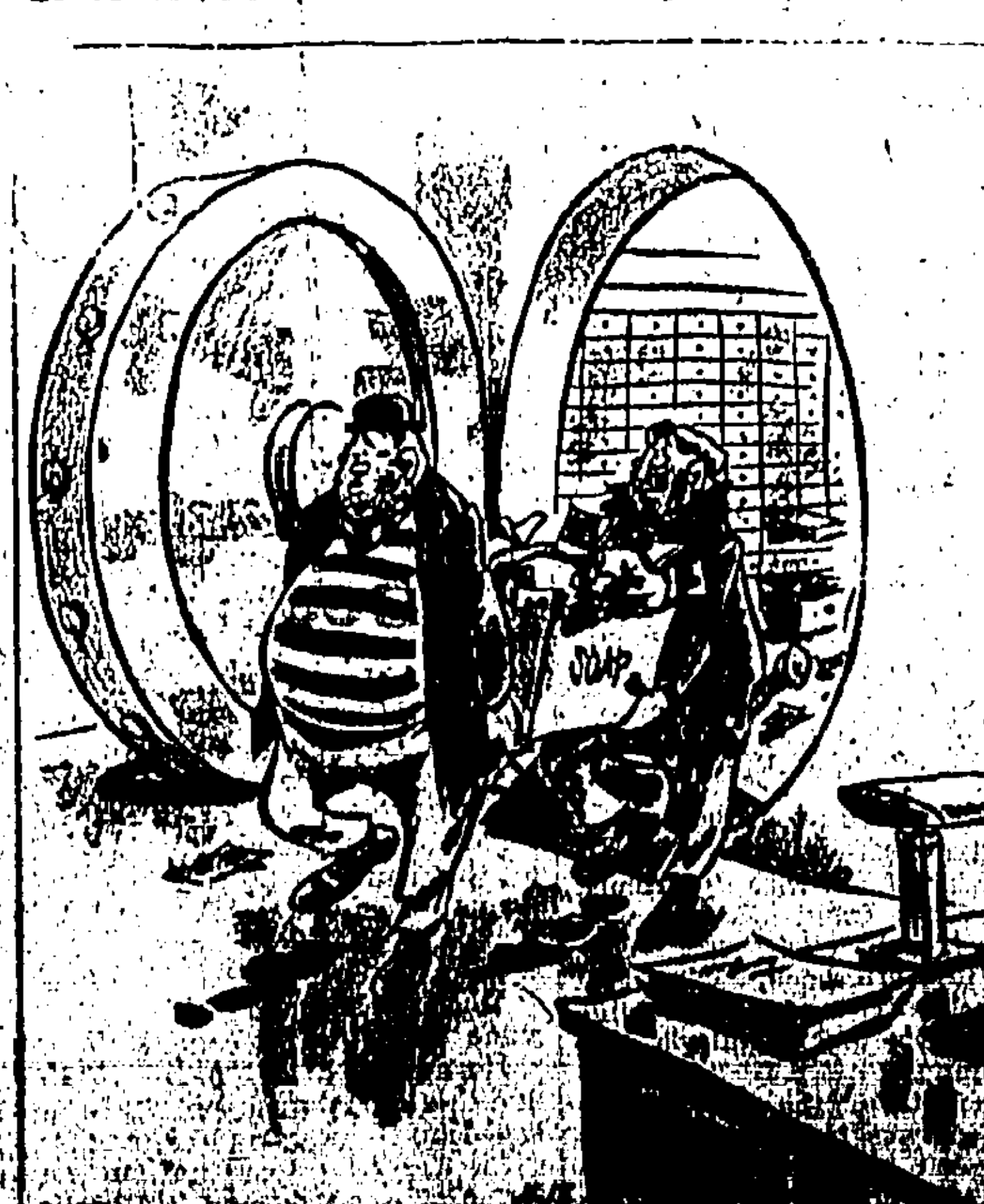
Captain Clarke was a representative for a British firm in Java before Japan entered the war. He arranged for his Dutch-born wife and his two children to leave for Australia in February 1942 and got out of Java himself a month later. He went on to put up his family and saw them to safety in South Africa. Then he sailed for England and volunteered for the Army. From Wentworth Woodhouse, home of the Intelligence Corps Depot, he went to India and on to Australia to do a specialist job. He arrived at Batavia towards the end of 1945 as Political Intelligence Officer to the 37th Brigade, and when he saw the results of Indonesian atrocities on the civilian Dutch population he began to feel something should be done about it.

Grim Proof

He told me: "One day an old friend came and asked me if I would help him locate his thirteen-year-old son who had disappeared. I asked him how I could help. The long straggling line of 'internees' staggered through the last patch of sun-parched jungle, and clambered up the single-track railway which was 'no-man's-land' in Indonesia. Leading them, a tall officer with the 'Great Britain' flash on his bush-shirt walked with relief as they crossed the line to freedom. Seventy people of European descent, given up as lost, were back from the dead. Beaten, half-starved, ready to collapse, but not one of them harmed by the fire of the Indonesians which shattered the sultry silence of Bandoeng, Java's garden hill-city. 'The Scarlet Pimpernel of Bandoeng' had done it again. 'Pimpernel' Captain F. A. Clarke of the Intelligence Corps, the man the Indonesians called 'The Snake with the Four Heads' is now on demob leave at his home in Carlton Avenue, North Wembley. One of the most romantic figures of the late war, this audacious man gambled with death day in day out, caring not a whit for his own personal safety, determined to do the 'impossible'—to get Europeans and Eurasians out of the Indonesian hell-camps. One sweltering afternoon a Studebaker saloon car driven by a Jap chauffeur glided through the Indonesian quarter. Clarke got out. To the dumbfounded Indonesians he handed orders for the release of Europeans in the adjacent prison-camp. He carried no arms, bullied, threatened, stormed. He looked like the Devil incarnate. Covering, the Indonesians obeyed him. Trembling internees stumbled through the gates of the compound on their way to freedom.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I think you'll have to wait a bit longer, my friend," said the man in the striped shirt, looking at the large, ornate structure. "It's a bit of a mess, but I'll have it fixed up in a jiffy. You'll see it all right."

THE PIMPERNEL OF BANDOENG

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By SGT.
R. L. SCOTT

I got three people out with the aid of a Jap chauffeur who stayed with me all the time. Later I was lucky enough to bring out seventy in one day.

Captain Clarke's account gives the bare bones of the story only. From letters I have seen it is clear that the Europeans around Bandoeng looked upon Clarke as a superman, a mystical Pimpernel who could work miracles where everybody else was impotent. They spoke of him as people speak of Lawrence. Then all hope of getting news of kidnapped relatives had gone they turned to Clarke. He never let them down. Some of the letters he received from Europeans living south of the railway line are touching in the extreme. The first letter always asked for help. The last letters, couched in words of hero-worship, speak of eternal gratitude to Clarke for bringing back loved ones from the dead. He has a letter, too, from the Lieut. Governor of the Netherlands Indies.

Dr. Hubertus van Meek, paymaster of the 20th Indian Division for his bravery and initiative in preventing much bloodshed.

But all the letters he received weren't congratulatory. There were threats from the Indonesian extremists, warning of a terrible fate if he persisted in his work. Others, more friendly, warned him of attempts which were being planned on his life.

Said one anonymous writer: "The Indonesian extremists have made plans to murder you if you cross south of the railway line without armed escort of at least four men. They say you have been guilty of infamous conduct in helping the 'enemy' to escape, and they describe you as 'The Snake with the Four Heads'."

Followed Secretly

Clarke showed that letter to the local police chief who urged him not to go south that day. Clarke maintained that it was his own funeral. Fortunately it wasn't for the police chief arranged secretly for four men to follow him into the Indonesian quarter. On another occasion when he was travelling unarmed as usual with his Jap chauffeur the Indonesians ambushed the car. The streets bristled with natives armed with tommyguns and rifles. The grinning extremist section leader ordered Clarke out of the car. "We are going to shoot you, Meester Clarke. Please to walk over there."

Captain Clarke admits he was scared. "I know they meant what they said," he told me. "They bundled me against a hut and I thought this is it! Then it struck me that these fellows were used to drink, it immediately becomes the talk of the town."

Again, Britain is in a special position because she has, for the first time in her history, a strong Labour majority government, and in their government the trade union movement plays an important part. Moreover, even during the war when the Labour Party shared as a minority party in a national coalition government, the trade union movement had a semi-official position. It was, in fact, to a large extent because the trade unions were consulted and co-opted at almost every point of public policy during the war that so extraordinary a degree of national unity among the various classes and interested groups was achieved.

Today the leaders of the trade union movement have a greater degree of responsibility than ever for the direction of public policy. Men like Ernest Bevin have shown themselves fit for office, and fully capable of distinguishing between national and party or group interests. For there are three points I do not view the present outcrop of industrial rumblings with great misgivings. Exactly how the matter will be settled is not yet clear. But what is abundantly clear is that this question is precisely one of those social-political issues which every modern nation has to solve today.

The whole history of the past three centuries in Britain is a record of constant adjustments and compromises to meet problems and crises of this kind. It is precisely the success which Britain has had in evolving solutions to these problems which has given British civilisation its dynamic force throughout the world. Therefore, it will be of interest not only for the people of Britain, but to all peoples of the world, to see how this present issue of principle is really decided.

There is also a third point of view which is neither "unionist" nor "non-unionist." This is the point of view of the ordinary consumer and ordinary citizen. Whatever may be the rights and wrongs of the matter, they argue that now is not the time to fight them out. Britain is at a difficult stage of recovery from the war, and anything which delays or complicates the process of reconstruction is against the interests of the whole of Britain's people, unionist, non-unionist, and neutral alike, and, further, of world economy at large. There is, of course, also an element of annoyance on the part of the public when its utilities and other public services are interfered with.

Among all these conflicting views it is not easy to strike a balance, but certain facts and considerations must be borne in mind in order to get the matter into its correct proportions. In the first place, the fact that those contrary issues are being fought out in Britain tends to give the question a greater prominence than it deserves on purely physical or material grounds. It is a well-known fact that industrial unrest in Britain during the past 12 months has been remarkably small, compared with what is happening in most other countries where freedom of expression still remains.

Strikes which have occurred have gained great publicity partly because they have sometimes affected public supplies, and partly for the very fact that industrial relations in Britain are smoother so that unrest is the exception. At the same time, the material effect of the reconstruction since the war has been quite marvellous. A habitual drunkard is seen less in the street; it costs less to live; but if one of the other allies of the community comes in a while takes a little too much.

being bullied, used to the Jap conquerors' stick, and I saw a chance. I blustered and raved at them, demanding to see their leader who was expecting me. He wasn't, but the extremists began to waver. I stopped up the bullying pressure. 'Take me to your leader,' I roared. 'Well, they did, fingering their triggers all the while. The real leader' was a moderate, a cultured type, who ordered my release."

Relief Train

Later agreement was reached between the Indonesians and the Dutch for a relief train carrying medical supplies and food to pass through the Indonesian "zone" to Bandoeng. But some Dutch troops unaware of the agreement fired on the train. The Indonesians were reluctant to allow the next train to pass through. They sent for Captain Clarke.

"If you ride on the front of the engine under the Indonesian flag we will take the train through," they promised. Clarke, realising what a target he would make for the sides, insisted that an Indonesian army leader should sit with him. Orders were given for the Dutch troops not to fire, but it was an anxious moment for Clarke as they rounded the bend under the Dutch fort lest some trigger-happy Netherlander with memories of Indonesian atrocities should let loose a round.

That is about all we can learn at the moment of Clarke's Bandoeng exploits. We may never know all but two hundred rescued Europeans know enough to ensure that when Java returns to normal the heroic deeds of Capt. Clarke will be recorded for ever in the history-books of the island.

Labour And Freedom

By DR. GEORGE
GRETTON

By analogy, the comments of "closed shop"—including many people who support trade unionism as such—argue that to force everyone into one type of trade union is undemocratic. The second argument is a more special one, namely, that trade unions have sometimes shown themselves during the past year unable to restrain their less responsible members, so that a number of "unofficial" strikes have occurred.

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War Psychosis In Yugoslavia

Rome, Sept. 9.

The Italian Prime Minister, Alcide de Gasperi, on his return here from Paris today, told the press: "We are trying to make contact with the Slavs, but we are still meeting with a war psychosis. With the support of friends, our delegation is seeking to explore the ground for such contacts."

Referring to the anti-Italian speech of the Soviet delegate, M. Vyshinsky, de Gasperi said the first impression was one of astonishment, "but in diplomatic affairs it is only the official text which counts and this does not contain anything threatening." Regarding the Tito-Austrian agreement about South Tyrol de Gasperi said: "We are very satisfied and I have publicly expressed my satisfaction with the collaboration from Dr. Gruber, the Austrian Foreign Minister."—Reuters.

SHAMSHUIPO REVELATIONS

Volunteer's Messages In Invisible Ink

Trusted Agent Outside Camp

London, Sept. 9.

A protest against prosecution witnesses being flown from Hong Kong to give evidence, whereas when the defence wanted a witness from there they were told they would have to pay their own expenses, was made today by Mr. G. O. Slade, defending counsel at the court martial of Major Cecil Boon.

Major Boon has pleaded not guilty to 11 charges of assisting the Japanese while a prisoner of war.

When told by the witness, William Robertson, Assistant Manager of the American Express Company, Hong Kong, and an officer in the Hong Kong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, that he had come at Government's expense, Mr. Slade made his protest.

One of today's witnesses, Captain Edward Wood, Royal Army Service Corps, said that Major Boon was very frightened of the Japanese. He had seen him pay compliments to the Japs. The method of approach to the Camp Commandant consisted of removing headgear, bowing, waiting and bowing again at 15 degrees.

H.K.V.D.C. Officer

Another witness, Captain R. K. Valentine, H.K.V.D.C., of Dodwell's, Hong Kong, disclosed that he started using invisible ink on parcels leaving the camp and that messages were also coming into the camp in invisible ink. Messages were also sent out of the camp in a cake of soap. The prisoners, he said, had a trusted agent outside the camp.

When Mr. Slade made the point that it was Major Boon who "bearded the lion in his den when others failed," Captain Valentine declared: "You must not think we don't realise that Major Boon had a very difficult and very unfortunate job."

Another witness, Lance Corporal Charles Bellchambers, of the Middlesex Regiment, relating an alleged incident in Major Boon's office in October, 1943, said he heard Major Boon and Corporal Turner shouting at each other. Turner protested that the accused had been spying on him and "not acting as a British officer should."

Spit In His Face

Asked by Mr. Slade "Was it not an awful thing for a corporal to speak to a field officer in the way Turner spoke to Major Boon?" the witness replied: "Under the circumstances none of the men except those we knew to be with Major Boon helping the Japanese recognised him."

He also said that despite an order that prisoners should not wave to people outside the camp, he saw Major Boon doing so frequently.

Speaking of his interview with the Camp Commandant about the request he made in a letter sent through Major Boon for the return of certain property taken from him, Captain Valentine said he was told

that the Japanese looked upon the accused as a man through whom negotiations should be carried out between them and the prisoners. The witness was abused and the interpreter spat in his face.

Colonel Halse informed the court that he anticipated closing the case for the prosecution tomorrow, there being only six more witnesses to call. The court then adjourned.—*Reuter.*

Pope On State Education

Rome, Sept. 9.

The Pope, addressing at his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo today a delegation from the first Congress of Catholic Teachers, said: "We do not deny or minimise the proper rights of the State in educational affairs, but the State must also respect the rights of the family and the church."

"The goal which must be reached is co-operation among the church, the State and the family, in reciprocal agreement for instruction and education of youth."

The Pope warned the delegation of the dangers of anti-religious education.—*Reuter.*

Squatters May Be Ejected

London, Sept. 9.

Swift legal action is likely to be taken by the Government against the Communist-organised "squatters," who seized luxury flats in London's West End yesterday.

The Cabinet met today and considered views of law officers of the Crown concerning one block of flats, which is legally Government property.

This had been requisitioned during the war and was actually in the process of being handed back to the owners for letting them, when the "squatters" walked in.

The Ministry of Works Department concerned will issue a statement probably tonight.

Well-informed quarters take the view that the "squatters" in this block are in a completely different category from those who have moved into disused camps. They are regarded as being used by Communists deliberately to flout the law.

Possibility of similar action being inspired in other parts

BRITON KILLED IN GREECE

Athens, Sept. 9.

Mr. Eric W. Kemp, a 47-year-old British telephone engineer employed by UNRRA, was killed north of Larissa, Eastern Greece yesterday, when his jeep struck a mine on the road. The Greek driver also lost his life.

Broadcaster G.H.F. Stagner, Acting Chief of UNRRA in Greece has called the Greek Government's attention to the incident.—*Reuter.*

Landed At Harwich Minus Permit

London, Sept. 10.

Hanni M. Lutzhoft, 29-year-old Danish girl, pleaded guilty at a magistrates court here today to landing in Britain without the permission of the Immigration authorities. She was remanded on bail pending her return home.

A detective said that when the girl was detained in London's West End on Saturday, she said that she arrived in Britain in the steamship "Crown Prince Frederick," having boarded it with some sailors.

She got ashore at Harwich on Aug. 29 without passing through official channels, he said. Police added that Miss Lutzhoft, who came from "a respectable family" in Denmark, had wanted to work in Britain.

Magistrate Sir Wilfred Bennett remanded the girl on bail for seven days, stating that if she returned to Denmark on a boat which leaves today, the bail would automatically expire.—*Associated Press.*

Support For Ship Strike

New York, Sept. 9.

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mineworkers Federation of America, has telegraphed to the United States Shipping strikers: "If you want money, advise me." He sent this offer to the Seafarers International Union which called the strike when the Government Wage Stabilization Board rejected the higher pay rates negotiated between the unions and the employers.

Between 1,500 and 1,600 ships have been held up by the stoppage, regarded as the worst in America's maritime history. The intervention of Lewis followed a decision by Joseph Curran, the President of the National Maritime Union (Congress of Industrial Organisations) to order his men to sail (ton) to order his men to sail fully loaded UNRRA relief ships. Mr. Fiorello LaGuardia, who announced this decision, said there were 37 ships with UNRRA cargoes, including some partly loaded. He added that further action would probably have to wait until today's meeting in Washington where the Wage Stabilization Board would hear the union claims.

The declaration of a sympathy strike by New York tugboat men has caused a run on city shops for butter, eggs, milk, cigarettes and tobacco as New Yorkers recall the state of emergency declared by the Mayor last spring when the tugboat men struck. The boats haul 80 per cent of the city's fuel and about half of its food.

A prolonged strike would halt the underground system and darken the "Great White Way"—*Broadway.*—*Reuter.*

No Peace

New York, Sept. 10.

Any hopes for peace on the nation's strikebound waterfronts suffered a setback with the announcement that the CIO seamen would demand pay raises matching anything won by AFL sailors in their strike against the pay cut decision by the Wage Stabilization Board.

Paralyzing shutdown of export business threatened to bring curtailment of operations in steel and four mills with storage space rapidly reaching saturation point. Rail shipments to seaports have been embargoed since last Friday.

For the first time the Navy equipment and personnel stepped in. Navy craft took 887 passengers off the Marine Tiger which arrived from Puerto Rico.—*Associated Press.*

WORLD FOOD BOARD

Copenhagen, Sept. 9.

Sir John Boyd Orr, the Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation now in conference here said today that the proposals for a world food board had been agreed in principle by the delegates to the conference, though some thought it might be difficult to put them into practice.

"But that is possible," Sir John maintained. "It is a matter for the governments concerned to agree on establishing the board."—*Reuter.*

Ship Strike Holds Up Food Cargoes

New York, Sept. 10.

The crippling effect of the United States maritime strike was shown Monday by the announcement that nearly 10,000 loaded railway goods wagons are tied up, many containing food for Europe and Asia.

The strike, now in its fifth day, has paralyzed all the nation's ports, stopping all shipments, including UNRRA cargoes.

Half a million workers are idle because of the strike. Meanwhile, the continuing strike of 25,000 lorry drivers threatened nearly 8,000,000 New Yorkers with acute shortages of food.

The National Sugar Refining Company, normally producing 4,000,000 lbs. of sugar every day, was forced to close down.

A retail chain food stores' spokesman said that the shelves of 2,000 shops were bare, with no hope of replenishing.—*Associated Press.*

Keeping Japs. Out Of Whaling

Adelaide, Sept. 9.

Sir Douglas Mawhood, Antarctic explorer, speaking here today of the alternative schemes for the re-entry of the Japanese whaling fleet in the industry, said he favoured a dividing fleet between Australia, New Zealand, Norwegian and British interests.

The adoption of any scheme which would allow the Japanese to engage in whaling would inevitably lead to the Japanese re-establishing their position in the industry to the detriment of the Allied nations.

Australia, he said sadly, "missed the bus" when she failed to jump into the field immediately after the war. Australia had to do the best she could under the circumstances—that would be to get Japanese ships and run them independently of the Japanese.—*Reuter.*

U.S. Detains Yugoslavs

Trieste, Sept. 10.

The United States 88th Division Headquarters at Gorizia announced today the detention of six Yugoslav UNRRA train guards in connection with the explosion of a dynamite bomb in Trieste.

The announcement said the six men were picked up three-quarters of a mile from the scene of the bombing with five hand grenades in their possession.

The announcement said the bomb was thrown into a house and blasted out one wall. No casualties were reported.

Likewise other countries receiving UNRRA supplies through Trieste, Yugoslavia furnishes 40 guards who ride UNRRA trains to their destination. Some of these guards are soldiers or ex-soldiers but they do not allow them to carry weapons.—*Associated Press.*

British Note To Denmark

London, Sept. 9.

Britain today replied to the Danish Government's recent approach on the status of the Danish minority in South Schleswig, according to a Foreign Office spokesman.

Well informed Danish quarters in London believed that the note was received in the Danish legation this afternoon. Recent representations made to Britain by Denmark have concerned the possibility that the position of the Danish minority across the German frontier might be prejudiced by the influx of German refugees from the eastern provinces. The Danish Government is also believed to have urged that the South Schleswig Association, which represents the interests of the Danish minority, should be permitted to put up candidates in the local elections. No disclosure of the text of Britain's note was made.—*Reuter.*

Washington, Sept. 10. Slam has informed the United States it would welcome participation of American capital in the development of its mineral resources, the State Department announced today.—*Associated Press.*

Washington, Sept. 10. The Department of Agriculture forecast the 1946 cotton crop at 9,771,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight based on conditions Sept. 1. Forecast a month ago was 9,590,000.—*Associated Press.*

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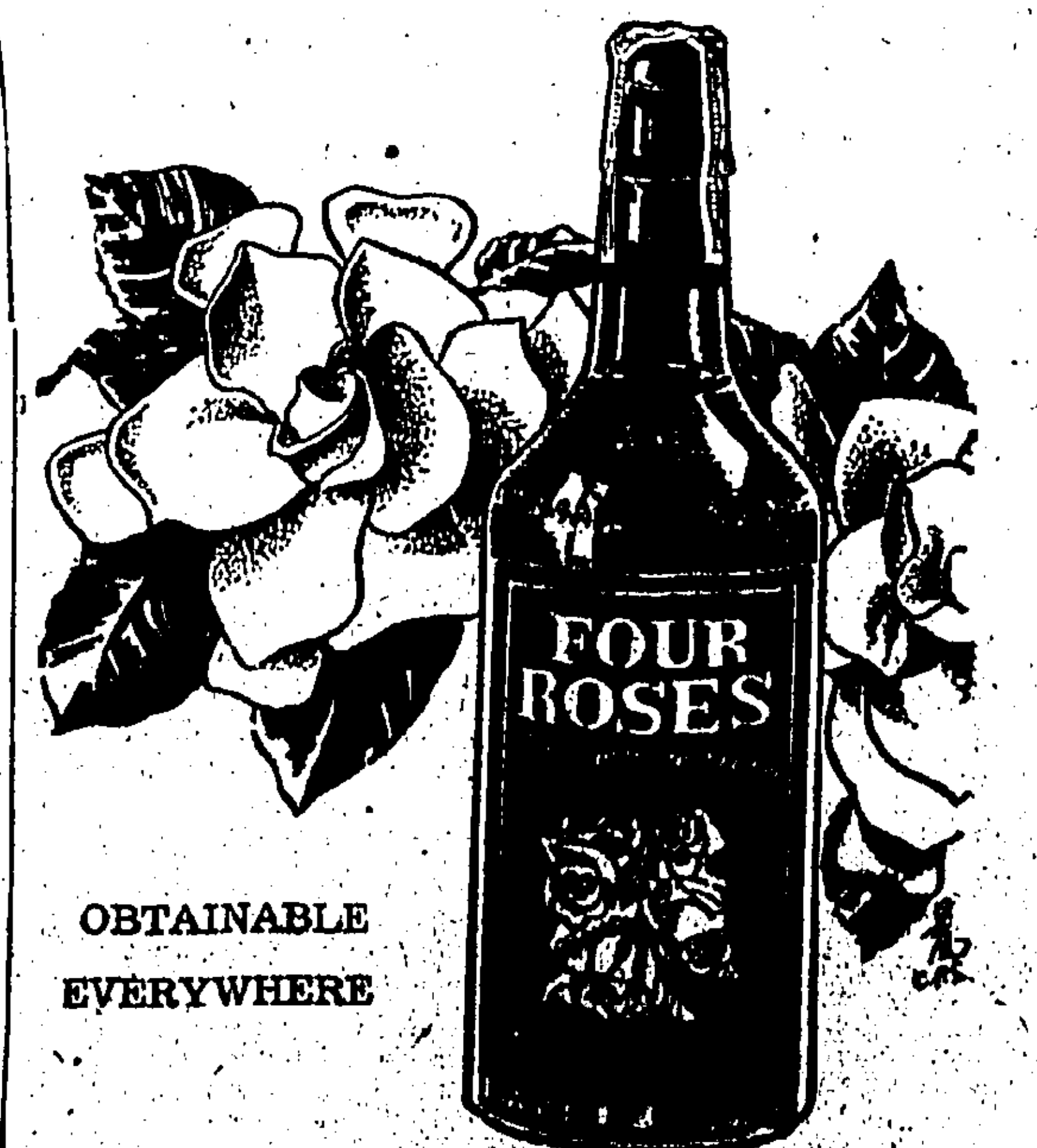
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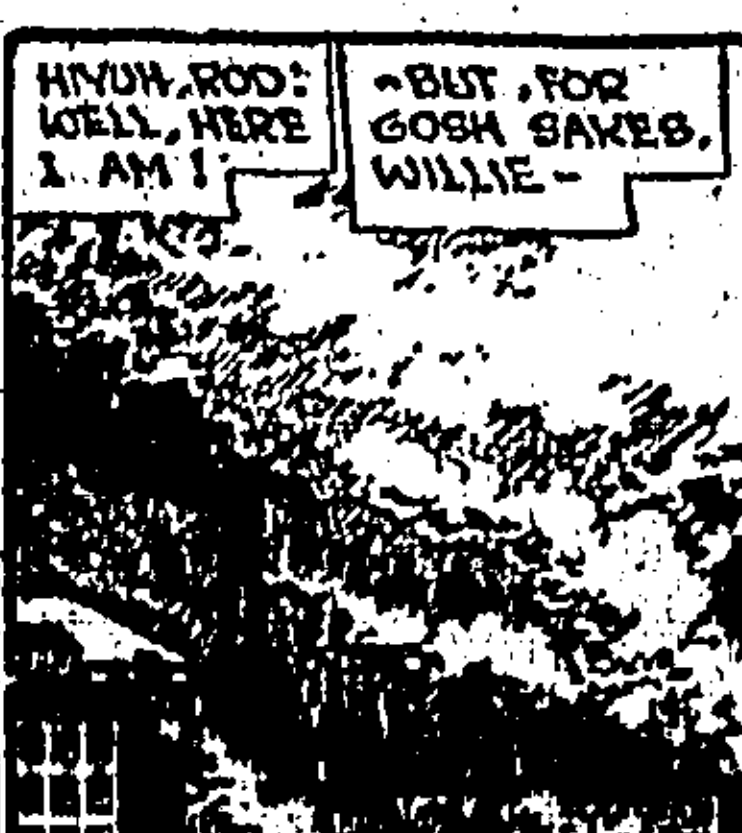
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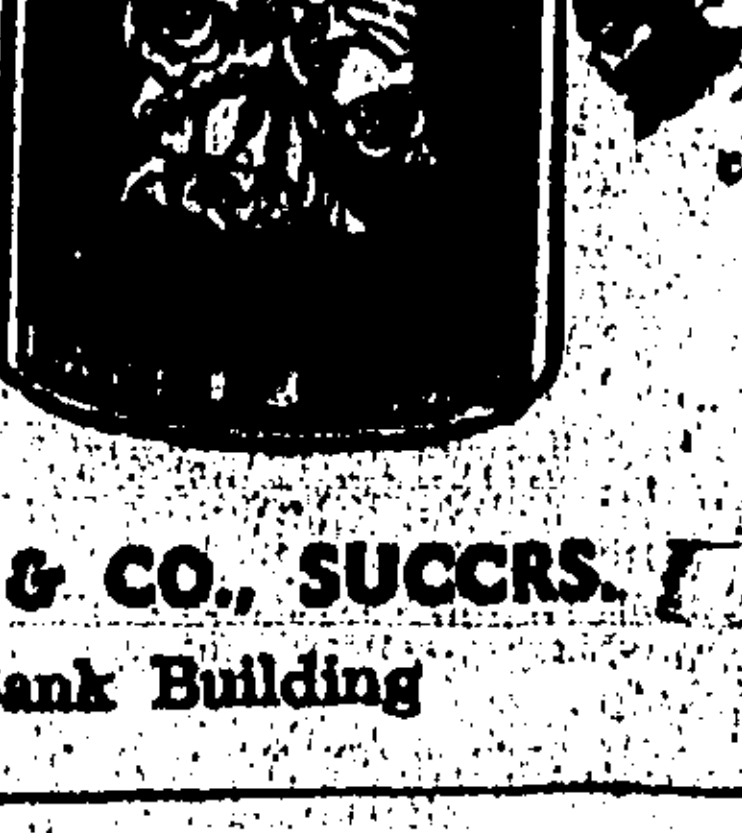
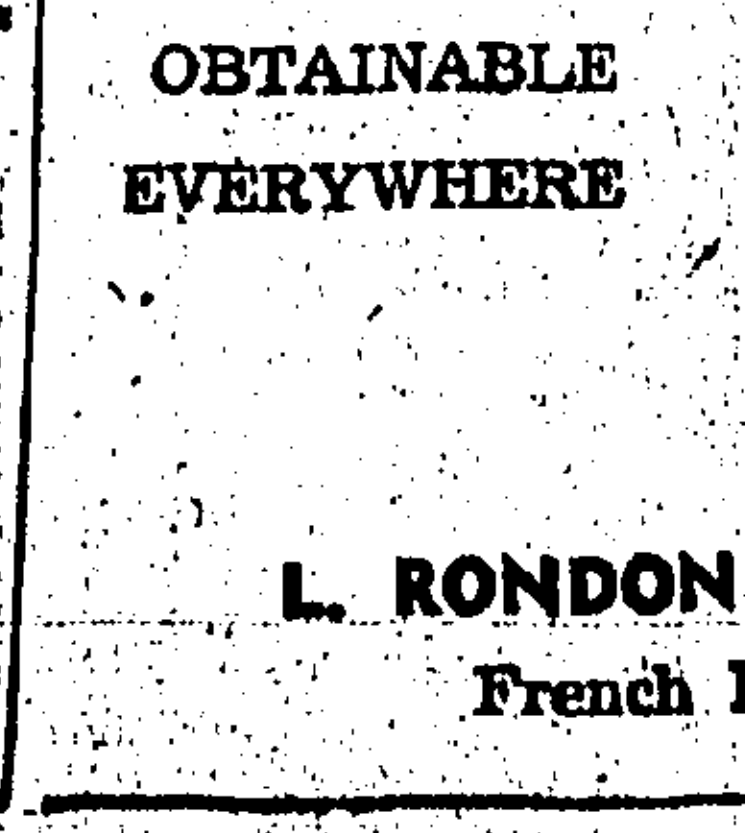
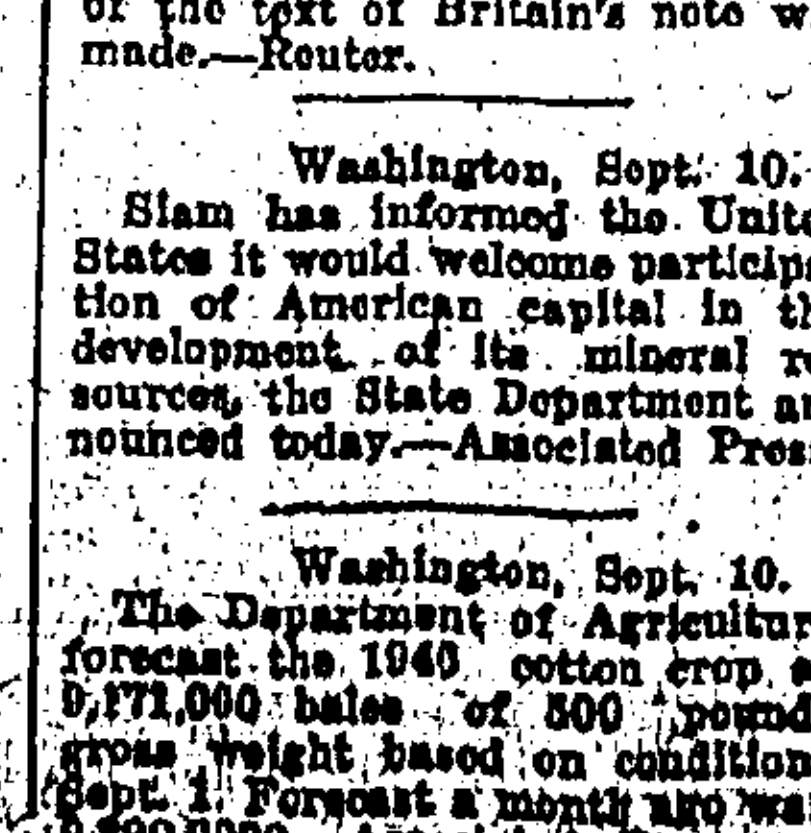
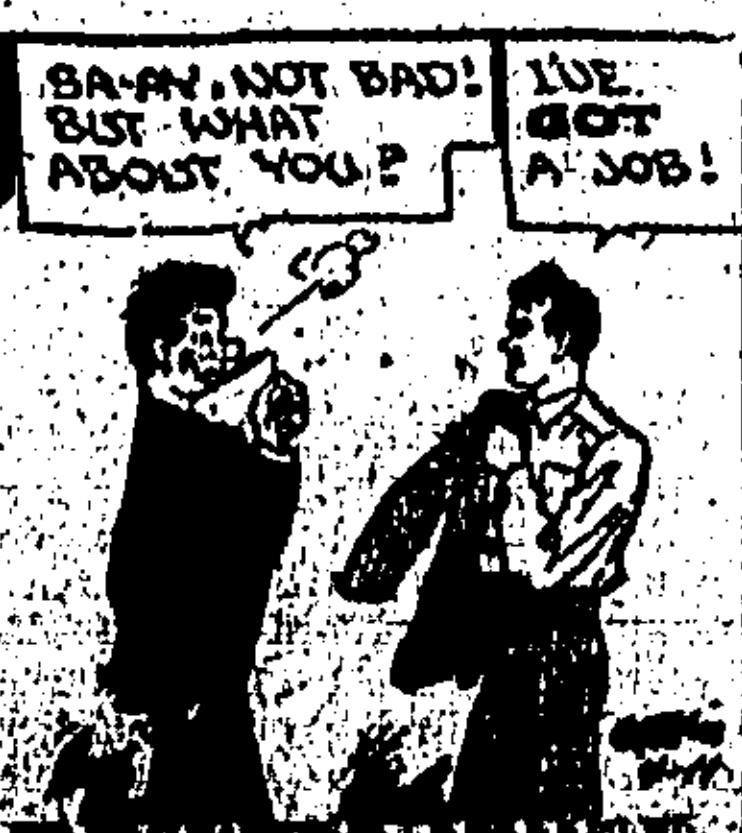
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MISSIONARIES HELD UP

San Francisco, Sept. 10. Four hundred Protestant missionaries, scheduled to sail Wednesday for China themselves, found themselves facing an indefinite stay in San Francisco because of the current nationwide maritime strike.

The strike committee of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific considers the American President Lines Marine Lynx a passenger vessel, although it was chartered exclusively for the missionaries and their supplies.

The group represents the first large scale exodus of Protestant missionaries to the Orient since the war ended. Their voyage is sponsored by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

The missionaries will be honoured Tuesday night at a meeting. Speakers will include Publisher Henry Luce of Time and Life Magazine and Dr. William Hung, vice-president of the Yenching University at Peking. Associated with the faculty of Yenching University.

DEATH

CAMPBELL—At the Kowloon Hospital yesterday (10th September, 1946) at 10.40 p.m., Mrs. G. M. Campbell (Gertie). Funeral will pass the Monument to-day at 6 p.m. (Shanghai and Macau papers please copy).

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Acid, Etc., Etc.

The Sui Bun For Open Yard, West Point, where the goods are stored, will be open to inspection on 9th and 11th September 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and Noon and between 2.00 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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China's Paris Peace Plans

Paris, Sept. 9.

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, outlining the Chinese peace plans for the Far East in Paris today, declared that China had no intention of revenge on Japan.

In an interview published in the Paris evening paper "Le Monde," he said: "On the military basis China wishes to see the United Nations submit to Japan the severest measures which would make her totally incapable of re-arming. But for the rest China does not intend to practice a policy of revenge. China will concentrate all her efforts to give assistance to the Japanese democratic elements and help them strengthen their position."

Asked to express his opinion of the present United States policy to Japan, Dr. Wang said: "American and Chinese policy are in complete agreement."

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Lavish Parties For All But The Street Waifs

The Moon Cake Festival was celebrated by the local Chinese populace yesterday with all the old time pomp and ceremony.

A holiday spirit was abroad and many business firms and tea-houses were closed. Most of the tea-houses will continue to remain closed today and tomorrow: evidently the idea is to give the folks a chance to recover from the effect of an over-indulgence of wine last night.

Throughout the day, crowds thronged the different markets, fruit stalls, cake shops and joss paper shops. Prices on food-stuffs such as chicken and pork, took a slight upward turn, but who cared? After all, the Moon Cake Festival comes but once a year and yesterday's celebration was the first real happy one after four years of want and suffering.

Moon Cakes formed the chief item on the menu in every Chinese home yesterday. Even rickshaw boys and coolies took time off to indulge in the pleasure of eating one.

Restaurants and hotels were fully booked last night and wine flowed freely all round. The lavish parties which were the order of the day instead well into the early hours of the morning.

Hong Kong's stock of chickens and pigs must have decreased considerably over the holiday, as in nearly every home, a chicken and a substantial quantity of pork was laid out at dinner time.

The festival was blessed with good weather and the ceremony of "Viewing the Moon" was all that could be desired.

"Try Your Luck"

Shortly after the moon rose, small boys, heavily laden with small booklets, began rushing about the streets offering the books for sale by shouting "Kau Choy Kwa Jong Sau Sau" (If you wish to know your future, try your luck). Little or no significance is placed on the prognostications contained in the booklets and they are purchased more in a spirit of fun than anything else. Furthermore, the sale and purchase of the booklets is considered to be part of the day's programme.

The one discordant note in the day's festivities was the fact that nothing was done to make the occasion a happy one for the children of the streets. It was a sight that lay years of hardship and suffering through which all had passed would have taught these more blessed with material wealth to show a little more kindness to their more unfortunate brethren. Evidently, the war has not taught our wealthy playboys, who squander huge sums at cabarets and gaming tables every night, anything at all. It would have been a fine gesture on their part to have got together and made some effort to give the little waifs a small measure of enjoyment on such a festive occasion.

NIMORI GENICHIRO

Hearing of the trial of Nimori Genichiro, civilian interpreter attached to the Japanese Army, will, the "China Mail" has been informed, be resumed at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Nimori is charged on eight counts of having committed war crimes at Hong Kong, on the high seas and at Shanghai.

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Rice Meeting In Singapore

Singapore, Sept. 9. Four members of the Siamese Rice Commission, headed by Mr. Somerset Butler, will attend a two-day meeting beginning here tomorrow between representatives of the administrations in South-east Asia and the staff of Lord Killern, British Special Commissioner in South-east Asia.

The problem of securing and moving the Siamese rice crop will be specially discussed by the conference. Some fears were expressed here today that any prolongation of the American seamen's strike would complicate the already critical food position but for the present on the basis of the future flour shipments Malayan and Singapore authorities have decided to increase the weekly flour ration, beginning next Sunday, from one half to three quarters of a catty (from ten and a half ounces to 15 ounces, approximately).—Reuter.

Deadlock With Viet Nam

Paris, Sept. 9. The French delegation to the talks with the Viet Nam delegates on the future status of French Indo-China met today to study the note sent by the French Government on Saturday to Mr. Ho Chi-minh, President of the Viet Nam Republic.

The note proposed a broad and general agreement on financial and economic questions, leaving unsettled such disputed points as the date for the Cochinese referendum and French military protection.

The question of the referendum in Cochinese to decide whether that territory should become part of the Viet Nam Republic, recently recognised by France as a free state, within the French Union or remain a separate entity is one of the stumbling blocks in the talks, which have been deadlocked for the past six weeks.—Reuter.

VARIETY ON RECORDS

This evening at eight o'clock Messrs. B. Knott and B. Gillespie will present "Variety on Records" at the Tote H Services Club, St. Andrews, Nathan Road, Kowloon. The programme will include the following recordings:

Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, Joe Louis, Benny Goodman, Muggsy Spanier, Eric Winstone, Spike Jones, Count Basie, Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne, Glenn Miller and Bing Crosby.

On Thursday evening there will be a "Whist Drive at the Club, also commencing at eight o'clock. Service personnel and civilians are cordially invited to all activities arranged by Tote H.

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Atom Bomb A Good Thing

Washington, Sept. 10. Vice Admiral Arthur Radford, currently the Navy's top airman, agreed with Adm. William Halsey today that the atomic bomb was not necessary to end the war but disagreed with Halsey's idea that use of the weapon in Japan was "a mistake."

Halsey told a news conference at Buffalo, N.Y., on Saturday "the first atomic bomb was an unnecessary experiment. It was a mistake ever to drop it. Why reveal a weapon like that to the world when it wasn't necessary?"

Radford, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for air, today remarked "the war would have ended soon without the bomb. Of course the greatest implication was a political one. I am inclined to think dropping the bomb was a good thing. Probably keeping it secret would have been a bigger bugbear. It's been brought out in the open rather than kept secret."

"I am inclined to think it's all for the best. Everyone out there knew it was only a question of time when the Japanese were willing to quit."—Associated Press.

Pelpling, Sept. 10. Maj. Gen. Samuel Howard, who will succeed Major Gen. Keller Rockey as commander of the United States Marine forces in China is due in Tsingtao Tuesday. Rockey expects to leave for the United States in 10 days.—Associated Press.

Singapore, Sept. 9. Lord Killern, who is recovering from an infected foot, will probably return to Batavia to renew contact with the Dutch and Indonesian representatives before the end of this week.—Reuter.

Moscow, Sept. 10. "Pravda's" foreign commentator charged today that General Douglas MacArthur's V-J Day speech "obviously had the purpose to justify his patronage politics over reactionary Japanese elements" and to explain the "non-fulfillment of the Potsdam agreement about demarcation of Japan, by citing the 'Communist danger'."—Associated Press.

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UNRRA Goods Diverted To Yugoslavia

Washington, Sept. 9. A protest against the diversion by UNRRA from China to Yugoslavia of shipments of 10,780 tons of steel, railway lines, was made today by Senator Styles Bridges (Republican), a member of the influential committee on foreign and military affairs, in a letter to Mr. William Clayton, the Acting United States Secretary of State. In this letter Senator Bridges demanded the cessation of American supplies to Yugoslavia and any other nation "standing in the way of peace."

The steel rails, said the Senator, "were originally procured in this country and designated for China. Recently that designation was changed to Yugoslavia."

At UNRRA headquarters it was stated that only some 7,468 tons of steel rails had been diverted to Yugoslavia and this action was decided upon seven weeks ago, "long before the plane incidents took place."

The diversion, UNRRA headquarters explained, was the result of an embargo placed by Mr. Florentino LaGuardia, the Director-General of UNRRA on July 9, against the shipment of anything but food and medical supplies to China.—Reuter.

Shanghai Race Club Creditors

London, Sept. 9. A correspondent in the Times today brings to attention a typically flagrant case of injustice to creditors resulting from runaway currency inflation, namely, the debentures of the Shanghai Race Club, in which many United Kingdom residents are interested. These debentures are now expressed in China National dollars and the Club Stewards have given notice to repay debentures on a dollar for dollar basis, meaning that holdings worth £1,400 at the time of purchase will now be repaid for about £1.

Such action, though legal, is plainly inequitable but protests by debenture holders and trustees so far have been unsuccessful.

The only remedy may be action in a Chinese court, which can award judgments in line with actual conditions, where a strict observance of contract would inflict hardship on creditors.

Already certain court judgments regarding payments of pre-war local currency debts have awarded from 300 to 1,000 times the pre-war amount.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below:—

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11
Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy (TJHJalangkai) 10 a.m.
Macao, Tainshan and Shekhi (Kwongwai) 11 a.m.
Hapsheng (Oradell) noon.
Shanghai (Wing Sang) noon.
Saloon (Wo Sang) noon.
Straits (Fengtien) noon.
Shanghai (Pakhai) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Saigon, Calcutta, Delhi and London (By Air) Kowloon C.P.O. (Reg.) 1 p.m. (Ord.) 1.30 p.m.; G.P.O. (Reg.) 1.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Sourabaya, Sydney and Auckland (B.O.A.C. Plane) Kowloon C.P.O. (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.; G.P.O. (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Amoy and Swatow (Anhui) 3 p.m.
Teamkong and Hoihow (Bust) 3 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

Macao, Tainshan and Shekhi (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10 a.m.
Manila P.I. (Manchuria) 10 a.m.

Amoy (Honakhang) 10 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok (Kwongwai) noon.
Shanghai (Eastern) 3 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Fookchow and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

Manila P.I. (Oriental) 10 a.m.
Shanghai (Glenstrae) 10 a.m.
Macao, Tainshan and Shekhi (Kwongwai) 11 a.m.
U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (Roseville) (Par.) 11.30 a.m. (Reg.) 11.50 a.m.

Brindiv Not Interested In Fraternisation

(By Margaret Bradbury)

The 28,000 troops in the British occupation zone of Japan are still forced to observe the non-fraternisation ban, which also prevents them visiting Japanese owned cinemas or cafes. In Hong Kong yesterday, a member of Britain's combined forces which are in control of areas of South Japan, including the atom-bombed town of Hiroshima, told me: "Our troops spend their recreation time in service clubs and canteens run by members of the Womens Service Corps and they do not seem to have much inclination to fraternise."

In the British occupation zone of Japan a number of hotels are soon to be requisitioned and used as holiday and rest camps for our troops. Some of them will house 500 at a time. A large holiday home is shortly to be opened at Takuma on Shikoku Island. At the moment a number of British troops are staying in holiday camps in the American zone and British army officials have been invited to inspect them with a view to facilitating the smooth running of the British camps.

Most of the British troops now in Japan have been there six months and they expect to remain there another two years before being drafted back to their homes. They are living in wooden buildings which at one time were Japanese army barracks. All their food is imported from Australia in the form of tinned goods and no fresh vegetables are included in their diet under the existing health regulations.

A big consignment of live sheep was recently sent from Australia for the use of Indian troops in the British zone. Although the housing situation in the British-controlled area of Japan is still very bad, the Japanese themselves are being left to organise the rehabilitation of homes. In the reconstruction of roads, however, they are receiving the help of British engineers in order to speed up transportation of military supplies and personnel.

Frequent raids on Black Market centres are carried out by our forces who find that illegal dealings in ammunition, food, money and clothing range in that order of importance. During the last two months more than 6,000 Koreans have been captured by our troops trying to gain entry into the zone. Many had brought with them large quantities of money which they admitted were to be used in Black Market dealings.

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POLAND OBJECTS

London, Sept. 9. Poland has told Britain that if the Polish Resettlement Corps is organised as it is at present planned, it will be considered by the Polish Government to be a military organisation, according to an official Polish source in London.

This decision has been conveyed to Britain in the second note on the Resettlement Corps, which is an unarmed body planned by the British Government with a view to settling in civil life men of the Allied Polish Army, who are unwilling to return to Poland. Recruitment for the Corps starts among Polish troops abroad next Wednesday.

This second note, it is understood, asks Britain to see that every Polish soldier who seeks enlistment in the Corps is individually informed of the existence of Polish law on citizenship of 1920 by which Polish citizenship must be forfeited in the case of enlistment in the service of a foreign power.

Britain is also asked to warn each soldier that the Polish Government may decide to apply this law in the case of enlistment in the Resettlement Corps.

Britain has not yet replied to the first Polish note on the Corps despatched just over a month ago, which laid down the criteria by which Poland would judge whether the Corps was in fact a military formation and which issued a warning that the men who joined it might be deprived of their Polish citizenship.—Reuter.

MARRIAGE BY PHONE

Washington, Sept. 10. A New York private secretary and an Army major in Japan will be married via Tokyo-Washington telephone hook-up tomorrow.

The Reverend Howard Stone Anderson said he will perform the Washington end of the marriage ceremony for Miss Joanne E. Pullen, while in Tokyo, Chaplain Henry G. Dutcher will be at the microphone with Major Thomas J. MacFarland. The bridegroom is from New York.—Associated Press.

Chiang Kai-shek Translation Of Psalms, N.T.

Shanghai, Sept. 10. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in February this year completed a three-year task of editing a new translation of the Psalms and the New Testament, revealed Dr. John C. H. Wu, Chinese jurist awaiting his appointment as the first Chinese Minister to the Vatican and the scholar who did the translating. The work is now being printed.

Dr. Wu said that Generalissimo Chiang went over the translation three times, made many corrections aimed at "heavenly perfection and readability," and produced "genuine improvement."—Associated Press.

Commodity Prices Soar

Shanghai, Sept. 10. The majority of China's export commodities have risen fairly substantially in price since the revision of the foreign exchange rate, it is learned.

The price of wood oil is said to have gone up 16 per cent in Chungking and 30 per cent in Hankow. Shanghai bristles from US\$1.50 to US\$1.80 to US\$2.00 per pound, and goat skin 60 per cent.

In regard to raw silk, the price of US\$6.50 quoted in New York is said to be still far below the cost price in China even calculated according to the new foreign exchange rate.—Reuter.

Old Macao Landmark

Macao, Sept. 8. Demolition of the ancient Law Court and Treasury in Praya Grande has now been completed, and a large sum has been earmarked for the construction of a new, modern building on the site.

Before the War, when the V-shaped roof was dismantled and replaced by a plain terrace of reinforced concrete, the old architectural facade was maintained for historic reasons. Unfortunately, when the work was completed, the new roof developed cracks and finally there was no alternative but demolition.—Our Own Correspondent.

RICE FOR CHINA

Washington, Sept. 10. Francis B. Sayre, UNRRA adviser, said that one purpose of the South American trip he is undertaking Wednesday would be to round up for "starving Chinese" \$3,000,000 worth of rice promised by Chile.

He added that probably he would need United Nations assistance after UNRRA disbanded.—Associated Press.

MAJOR SAYS JAPS. BEAT HIM UP

Sydney, Sept. 9. Major Charles Hughes Cousins, the Poona-born Sandhurst graduate, today told the Sydney court before which he faced treason charges that the Japanese at security police headquarters in Tokyo knocked him half unconscious, kicked him in the stomach and twisted his hand.

At an earlier hearing Major Cousins pleaded not guilty to a treason charge against him, alleging that he broadcast for the Japanese while a prisoner of war.

In evidence he said that he resigned from the Indian Army in 1926. In 1940 he re-enlisted in Sydney and when Singapore fell he was second in command of an Australian battalion.

Cousins said he first refused to broadcast for the Japanese in Singapore and tried to arrange to be sent to Burma with the other prisoners of war to avoid further requests but he was sent to Tokyo. During the journey, he said he contacted Allied prisoners-of-war officers and passed on information about the weakness of the Japanese position in Burma.

In Tokyo he was taken to the security police headquarters where the Japanese told him he must obey orders and struck him in the face. He was then put in a cell where another Japanese beat him up.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Cousins told the court that when he refused to broadcast from Radio Tokyo a Japanese Information Department officer named Manihawa declared: "We can force you to do anything we like—you will not be shot but will be sent to the secret police for punishment."

Cousins added: "By this time I was in such a condition physically and mentally that I was ready to accept clean death by shooting or beheading, but was afraid of torture. I thought I had better submit and see what I could do to sabotage Japanese propaganda."

After this he was taken to Major Tamiaki, who yelled: "Stand to attention!" and read from a document instructing him to obey all orders from the Japanese at Radio Tokyo. Cousins said he then bowed his acceptance.—Reuter.

SHAI EXCHANGE

Shanghai, Sept. 10. Closing rates were:—

	Buying	Selling
Gold per ounce	212,500	214,000
U.S. Dollars	2,400	2,410
U.S. Hong Kong Dollars	690	700

U.S. Dollar market.
—Associated Press.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF Charles Christie Arthur Hobbs late of 2 Thorpe Manor, May Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong. Architect, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 24th day of September, 1946.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 4th day of September, 1946.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Administrator,
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building
Hong Kong.

NOTICE

A WAR CRIMES OFFICE has been established on the ground floor of the Peninsula Hotel at the corner of Hankow and Salisbury Roads.

Any person having information regarding atrocities committed by Japanese Gendarmes during the occupation period are urgently requested to report at the said office, where photographs of suspects are on view.

This is the last chance that the public will have to give evidence and to identify Japanese War Criminals.

Residents of the New Territories are invited to report either directly to this office by telephone—No. 69085; or to the nearest Commando Patrol, or by mail, giving all possible details of their cases.

Address letters to WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATION TEAM, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, No. 2 office, ground floor.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

NOTICE

Owing to the present transport difficulties it will not be possible for the Company to distribute the Telephone Directories as in previous years. Subscribers are therefore requested to call at the Company's Offices, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road-C, on Monday, 9th September, 1946, and subsequent days to collect their Directories. The Directories will be issued against production of the Company's official receipt for the current quarter's rentals.

THE MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-First Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Mezzanine Floor, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, Hongkong, on Monday, the Sixteenth day of September, 1946 at 3 p.m.

By Order of the Board of Directors
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER
Secretaries.

Shareholders are requested to inform the Company or the Secretaries the numbers of the shares held by them and also the numbers of the certificates.

NOTICE

Water Supply

The public is hereby notified that commencing on 12th Sept. 1946, and until further notice the Water Supply on the Island and Mainland will be shut off nightly between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

V. KENNIF, Water Authority.

Chinese Optical Co.
OPTICIAN
67 QUEEN'S ROAD C.

NOTICE
A reception in honour of His Excellency Paul Yu Pin, Archbishop of Nanking will be given by the Hongkong Catholic Community at the Catholic Centre, King's Bldg. 1st floor, on Thursday, Sept. 12, 1946, at 5.30 p.m.
All members of the Catholic Community and personal friends of Archbishop Yu Pin are cordially invited to attend.

A low Pontifical mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Yu Pin on Thurs. Sept. 12, at 9 a.m. at the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road.

NOTICE
To all Catholics formerly interned in Stanley.
"St. Thomas More Catholic Association of Hong Kong."
A meeting of all members of the above Association now in Hong Kong, for the purpose of electing a committee and discussing future plans, will be held at the Catholic Centre, King's Building, 1st floor, No. 8 Connaught Road, C, on Tuesday, 17th September, 1946, at 5.45 p.m. It is hoped there will be a full attendance.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

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Princess Elizabeth Still Heart Free

London, Sept. 10.

*Any conjectures at the present time or in the near future as to the husband-to-be of Princess Elizabeth, future Queen of England, are "wild predictions," according to well-informed Palace sources today.

For the past two years, especially rumours have been rife that the Princess would soon marry this or that foreign prince or English peer.

BRIDGE NOTES

The elimination and throw-in play does not, as a rule, require expert technique. Under favourable circumstances average players are well enough equipped for its execution. Occasionally, however, the timing problem is rather subtle; then the play requires the most careful planning. Today's hand illustrates the proper and the improper "stripping" process.

South, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
S-J 10 8 5 4
H-A K 10
D-K Q 8
C-Q J 8 4

South West North East
1 spade Double 4 spades 5 hearts
6 spades Double Pass
East's five heart bid was not bad, considering the extreme length of his suit and the attempt his partner's double of a spade had suggested heart strength. His leave-in of the six spade penalty double was questionable, but at sensible as a take-out to seven hearts would have been.

West opened the king of hearts and dummy ruffed. A low trump to declarer's queen was followed by the ruff of a second heart. Another trump was led to the king and South's last heart ruffed. (The declarer had slipped!) He next cashed the ace and king of clubs, but, in order to strip dummy of the third club would have had to use dummy's last trump as an entry. Since that would be fatal, declarer led a diamond away from his ace. But West was in no difficulty. He went up with the queen and exited safely with a club. Declarer had to ruff and lose another diamond trick to the king.

"Looking ahead" declarer should easily have seen that the ace and king of clubs should have been cashed at an early stage, and dummy's third club ruffed in the closed hand. After that (hearts having been eliminated by ruffing them in dummy) the lead would have remained in dummy with hearts and clubs stripped from both North and South hands. The lead of the jack of diamonds, passed by declarer would have clinched the contract, since West would have had to return either

Despite continued official denials on each occasion, the so-called engagement or romantic linking received what was considered undue publicity.

"Marriage is not even on Princess Elizabeth's mind," it is stated.

Although the Princess is well aware that she must one day marry, there is no indication that the problem is causing her anxiety at the moment, nor is she "affectionately attached" to anyone.

She is still "heart-whole" and marriage is a question of "when the right time comes."

Elizabeth is carefully being groomed for Queenship, and it is pointed out the King will not tolerate anything which interferes with her training.

Love Parties

The Princess has lately been allowed a good deal of freedom, and has been attending private parties, theatres, dances and even visiting night clubs with eligible young friends of her choice.

Because the future Queen loves parties and dancing and young companions as much as any other young English girl, this is no indication that she is about to marry.

Social engagements are all part of her training. Each time a young English lord or member of a foreign royal family appears more than once in the company of the Princess, there is a tendency to link him romantically with the future Queen. A "love-interest" case is built up, only to be quashed when the young man becomes engaged to someone else.

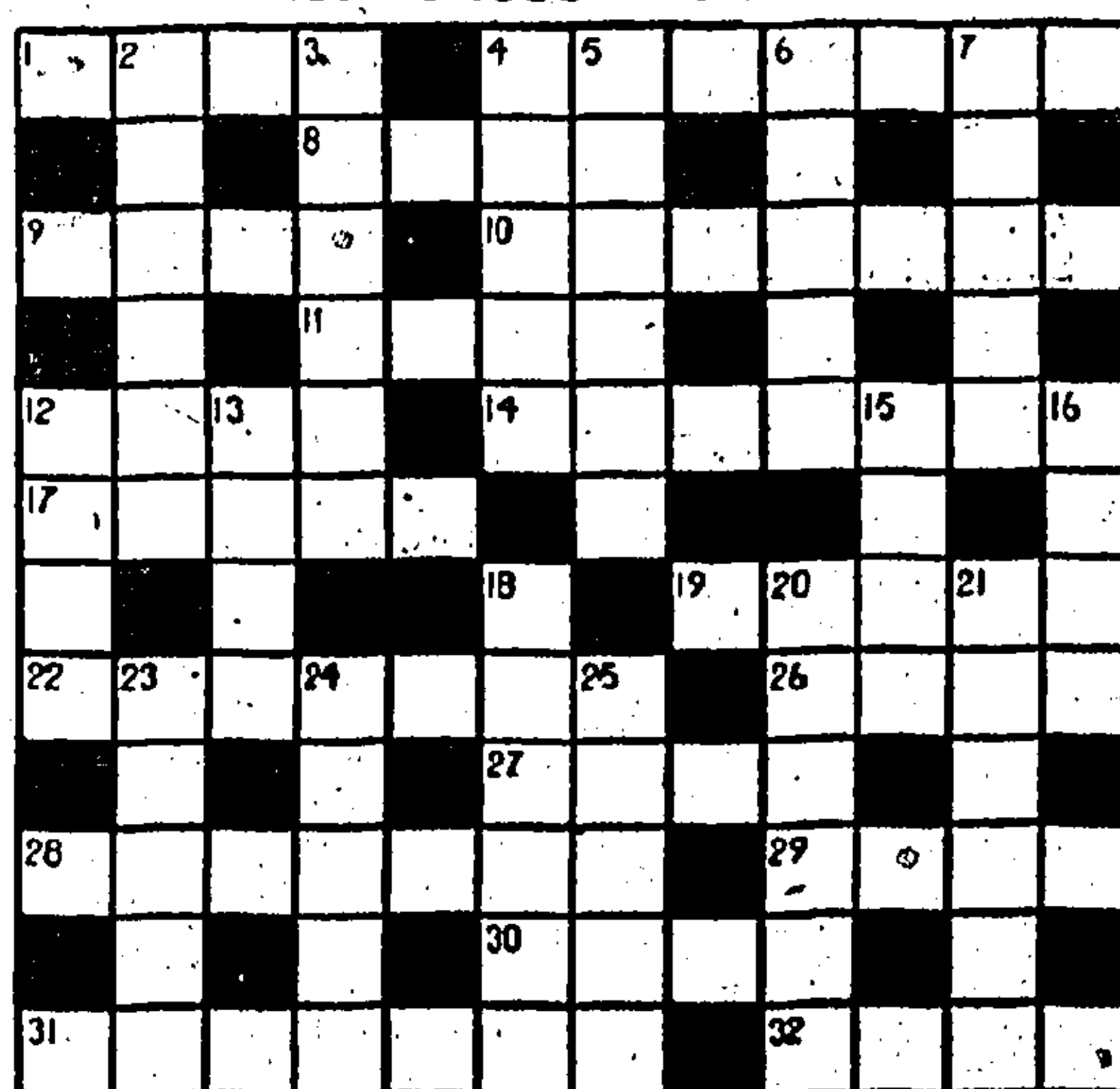
Trip Abroad

It is further pointed out that the King is interested in Elizabeth seeing something of the world, and she may soon make an African tour, followed, possibly, by tours of Australia, Canada and the United States before her marriage.

Princess Elizabeth, it is pointed out, is a serious young woman determined to become a successful Queen when called upon. She is studiously devoting herself, first and foremost, to the task of training for that "job" while enjoying to the full the new freedom of movement she has been allowed.

a diamond, away from his remaining honour on a club which could have been ruffed in dummy while declarer discarded his only remaining diamond loser.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Across

- Musical work 22. Assembly.
- Revolve the 20. Hearty.
- thumbs.
- Chaste.
- Formerly.
- Ideally.
- perfect.
- Strip of wood 32. Cast off.
- Ledge.
- Captain.
- Impact.
- Pillar.

Yesterday's Crossword

- ACROSS:—1. Ralder; 5. Aside; 8. Beast; 9. Lap-dog; 10. Habit; 11. Rural; 12. Test; 13. Miser; 14. Latent; 18. Neared; 20. Elgar; 22. Fall; 23. Scuds; 25. Smile; 26. Elates; 27. Enure; 28. Story; 29. Swanks.
- DOWN:—1. Relative; 2. Imposing; 3. Ebor; 4. Regular; 5. Ashamed; 6. Stalin; 7. Drive; 14. Stratten; 15. Reclus; 16. Larceny; 17. Tenders; 18. Easter; 21. Limit; 24. Slow.

Down

- Writing im-
- periods.
- Versity.
- Sheep.
- Drugged.
- Acquire knowledge.
- Dross.
- Mere.
- Conception.
- Strong wind.
- Request for
- repetition.
- Tenets.
- Nook.
- Miscalcula-
- tion.
- Rows.
- Sports.

JEWS TO RESIGN

Jerusalem, Sept. 10.

A resolution for non-cooperation in the local administration of Palestine was passed unanimously by the Jewish National Council today.

The resolution, which goes into effect immediately, means that Jewish members of some 80 advisory councils covering nearly every aspect of the Palestine Civil Administration will resign. The Council called for the raising of £100,000 by public subscription among Jews to help illegal immigration.—Reuter.

Another Six Weeks Of It

Paris, Sept. 9.

Both Britain and Russia believe that the Paris conference may now complete its work in another six weeks in time for the United Nations General Assembly to meet in New York on Oct. 23.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, acting head of the British delegation, is understood to have expressed this hope at a meeting in Paris this afternoon of the heads of the Commonwealth delegations to whom he explained Britain's reasons for backing the proposal to postpone the United Nations meeting by two months.

M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister went further by sending to Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General of the United Nations a cable saying all facts showed that the conference would finish by Oct. 23. Mr. Lie has now telegraphed to Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian President of the United Nations Assembly in Paris, asking him to obtain assurance from the Big Four of Oct. 23 as the firm date and warning that any further postponement would produce the greatest difficulties. Reuters correspondent at the United Nations headquarters reported tonight.

"I will immediately circulate all members recommending a postponement as soon as I receive a response to this cable," Mr. Lie stated.

Members of the United Nations are to be asked to indicate by Sept. 13 whether they agree to a postponement.—Reuter.

U.S. EQUIPMENT FOR ITALY

Rome, Sept. 10.

United States army equipment valued at \$566,000,000 went to Italy for \$100,000,000 with the signing of an agreement transferring all of the army's unused and future surplus in the Mediterranean theatre. Paul Bonner, representing the office of foreign liquidation, said the sale "will help reestablish Italian trade—one of the factors to realization of the Democratic ideal."—Associated Press.

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London Stock Exchange

London, Sept. 9.
Consols, 2 1/2 per cent 1945/75 97-3/16, Conversion Loan, 3 1/2 per cent 11 1/2, War Loan, 3 1/2 per cent 107 1/2, New War Loan, 8 per cent 105-11/16, Victory Bonds, 4 per cent 110, German Loan, 7 per cent (Dawes) 10 1/2, Japanese Bonds, 6 per cent, 1907 19 1/2, Canton-Kowloon Railway 23, Tientsin Pukow Railway 5 per cent 27, Lung-Tai U. K. Ry., 5 per cent, 1913 23, Rangoon Loan, 5 per cent 1913 (London Iss) 51, Cripco Loan, 5 per cent, 1911 49, Hukwang Railway, 5 per cent, 1911 23, Honan Railway, 5 per cent, 1905 32 1/2, Shanghai-Nanking Railway, 5 per cent 29, Mercantile Bank of India "A" 23 1/2, Chartered Bank of India "A" & C. 12-11/16, H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation 87, Lydenburg Estates 116/10, South Africa Townships 29/8, Selection Trust 44 1/4, South Africa Townships 12 1/2, Canadian Pacific 20 1/2, Mexican Eagles 13 1/4, Savings Bonds 3 1/2 1955.65, 105 1/2, Savings Bonds 3 1/2 1960.70, 105 1/2, Savings Bonds 3 1/2 1965.75, 107 1/2.—Reuter.

N.Y. COTTON

New York, Sept. 9.
Cotton futures ranged widely in heavy dealings. It registered gains of more than \$3.00 a bale but subsequently encountered heavy commission house profit taking which broke values sharply before the close.
Futures closed \$1.80 to \$2.75 a bale lower.
Oct. 36.50, Dec. 35.50-60, March 36.20-30, May 36.03, July 35.61, Oct. 33.80, Middling spot 37.42 nominal.—Associated Press.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Sept. 9.
Grains slumped after a steady opening when the market developed nervousness in reaction to another sharp Wall Street break. Favourable weather for the corn crop and a slump in prices of cash oats were additional depressing factors.
Wheat finished 1/2-1 1/4 lower, January \$1.95 1/2, March \$1.89 1/2, May \$1.87, Corn 1/4-1/2 lower, January \$1.32 1/2, Oats 1/4-1/2 lower, September 76, Barley was not traded.—Associated Press.

REUTER U.K. INDEX

London, Sept. 9.
Industrials 140.0, Kaffirs 107.0, Home Ralls 92.0, Commodity 284.3.—Reuter.

Perth, Sept. 10.

The Most Reverend Henry F. Le Fanu, Anglican Primate of Australia, aged 70, died here today.—Associated Press.

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Sharp Wall Street Break

New York, Sept. 9.
A fresh selling broadside hit the stock market, driving averages down to new lows for more than a year on general losses of 1 to 11 points, with isolated issues tumbling more than 18. It was one of the sharpest setbacks since 1930.

Further liquidation was attributed by commission houses partly to a growing belief that last week's most substantial slump in 10 years signalled a bear market.

Some analysts also blamed the mounting labour disputes, highlighted by the maritime strike while others saw the international situation as a restraining influence.

Among losers were Hiram Walker, Santa Fe, Caterpillar Tractor, and Douglas Aircraft. International Business Machines, notably thin, dropped 18 1/2 points on a few sales.

Transfers were around 2,800,000 shares.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 62.77, 20 Industrials 172.03, 15 Rails 60.46, 10 Utilities 55.00.

Adams Express 15, Alaska Juneau 5 1/2, American Can 8 1/2, American Smelting 40, American Telephone 17 1/2, American Tobacco 83, American Waterworks 16 1/2, Anaconda Copper 36 1/2, Aviation Corporation 49 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 23 1/2, Barnardall 22 1/2, Bendix Aviation 35 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 95 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 24, Borden Co 44 1/2, Canadian 14 1/2, J. I. Case 38, Chrysler 93 1/2, Colgate 47 1/2, Commercial Solvents 20 1/2, Corn Products 62 1/2, Dupont de Nemours 17 1/2, Eastman Kodak 21 1/2, Electric Light and Power 15 1/2, General Electric 99 1/2, General Motors 127, Goodrich 67 1/2, Goodyear 57, Homestake Mining 38, International Harvester 79 1/2, International Paper 42 1/2, International Tel & Tel 20, Johns Manville 12 1/2, Kennecott Copper 43 1/2, Montgomery Ward 87 1/2, National Distillers 23, National Lead 27 1/2, New York Central 17 1/2, Packard Motors 7 1/2, Pan-American Airways 14 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 31 1/2, Radio Corporation 10 1/2, Real Silk 19, Republic Steel 27 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 38 1/2, Schenley 68, Sears Roebuck 38 1/2, Shell Oil 29 1/2, Socony Vacuum 15, Southern Pacific 45 1/2, Standard Brands 40, Standard Oil of Calif 50, Standard Oil of N.J. 60, Studebaker 23 1/2, Union Bag 26 1/2, Union Carbide 91, U.S. Rubber 56 1/2, U.S. Steel 73, Westinghouse 27, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 63 1/2.—Associated Press.

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Wall Street Confuses

London, Sept. 9.
Weekend press summaries and comment on last week's tumult and shouting on Wall Street have caused considerable confusion in the mind, not only of the average investor on the London stock exchange but of his professional adviser as well.

This has resulted in reluctance to active participation in most markets.

It would take a brave man (and possibly a fool) to predict that Wall Street's shake out marks the end of the bull market but there is no doubt that it is pegged back to the recent upward trend.

Meanwhile, the practice of seeking safety-first channels for surplus funds is in full swing. The firmness of gilt-edged assets partially attributed to this movement.

Another factor giving food for thought in the present politically sensitive market is the requested postponement of the United Nations Organisation meeting.—Reuter.

New York Exchanges

New York, Sept. 9.
American A/C Sterling 4.03-7/16, 4.03-9/16, American A/C Sterling 3 Months 4.03-7/16, 4.03-9/16, On Sweden 27.82, 27.85, France 84, 84 1/2, Switzerland (Official) 24.00, 24.25, Switzerland (Free) 23.95 offered, Spain 9.20, Portugal 4.04, 4.06, Australia 3.23, New Zealand 3.25, South Africa 4.02 1/2, British East Africa 20.25, India 30.20, China 33.20, 33.80, Argentine (Official) 29.78, Argentine (Free) 24.75 offered, Brazil 5.45, Bolivia (Official) 2.00, Bolivia (Free) 2.35, Chile (Official) 5.60, Chile (Free) 5.60, Colombia 56.03, Cuba 100, Ecuador 7.00, Guatemala 100, Holland 37.78, Mexico 20.60, 20.63, Peru 15.50, Uruguay 56.00, Venezuela 20.90, Netherlands West Indies 53.05, Dutch Guiana 53.25, Montreal on London 4.02, Montreal on New York 06.375, Swiss Bank Notes rate 28.00, 30.00, Belgian Franc 2.28, 2.28 1/2.—Reuter.

LONDON SILVER & GOLD

London, Sept. 9.
Silver, Spot, per fine oz. 55 1/4 d.
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Singapore Cable To Truman

Singapore, Sept. 10.
A cable to President Truman urging the cessation of all American aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was sent today by Mr. Tan Kah-kee, head of the South East Asia Federation of China Relief Funds and leader of Chinese in Malaya.

He has sent similar cables to General George C. Marshall, the United States Special Envoy to China and to Mr. John Leighton Stuart, the United States Ambassador to China.

Tan Kah-kee said in his cable that for 20 years, "corruption, despotism, deceit, bad faith and ascendancy of reactionary characters have been the outstanding feature of the regime in China."

Contacts with important officials have convinced him that they are "stupid, mediocre, reactionary and stubbornly opposed to reforms."

Urging a drastic change in American policy, the cable says: "Chinese other than those controlled by the Kuomintang look upon America in the same light as they look upon Japan."—Reuter.

Anglo-U.S. "Offensive" At Paris Talks

Paris, Sept. 10.
Britain and the United States opened the seventh week of the Peace Conference with a general offensive in all commissions.

Russia was accused of offering Bulgaria Greek territory as a "bonus for aggression," and Britain and Brazil waived direct reparations payment claims against Italy.

The United States, British, Brazilian and Empire speakers were first on the floor in every commission. Faced with the prospect of an Oct. 20 deadline to make way for the United Nations General Assembly, the Conference had every treaty commission in session save the Finnish Political Commission.

Citing Greece's "heroic resistance," Mr. J. R. Jordan, South Africa, branded as "sheer audacity" Bulgaria's territorial claims as a co-belligerent.

"It is as if Hungary claimed Trieste as an outlet," Mr. Warner concurred.

Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, American Ambassador to Moscow, objected in the Hungarian Political discussions to the size of Czechoslovakia's would-be nibble into Hungary. He held that it should be discussed in the light of the Czech proposal to deport her Hungarian minority which "brings up the dangerous principle of forced transfer of minorities."

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Pros, Cons Debate Byrnes' Speech

Washington, Sept. 10.
American diplomatic authorities today joined in a sharp debate over whether the speech by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. James F. Byrnes, in Stuttgart on the future of Germany will help to establish one world or two.

The debate pits those who favour patience and conciliation towards Russia against those who believe that a working basis with Moscow—if possible at all—can be achieved only by bold diplomacy.

The former advocates of a hard peace settlement for Germany are sharply critical of Mr. Byrnes' speech.

So are those who favour a conciliatory attitude towards Russia. These persons are saying that Mr. Byrnes virtually abandoned the Potsdam Pact at Stuttgart and their criticisms centre around the following main points:

1. Mr. Byrnes may have ended serious attempts at a collective four power approach to German problems with his assertion that the United States—in the absence of agreement by the Big Four powers to treat Germany as an economic unit—will proceed to unify its occupation zone with any others willing to accede.

2. Some of his statements were made primarily for political purposes, in order to curry German favour for the United States against Russia.

3. The effect of his speech may be to drive Russia into deeper economic and political isolation from the western countries, thus increasing the probability of an eventual showdown between the East and the West.

Mr. Byrnes' supporters, who unquestionably include President Harry Truman and most of the chief State Department officials, acknowledge his speech to be in a sense a departure from the Potsdam agreement. But, they ask, who failed in the first instance to fulfil the terms of Potsdam?—Associated Press.

AROUND THE WORLD

Herford, Sept. 10.
The British today officially informed Germany in their zones that they could expect no coal for heating this winter.

The military government advised a "stringent woodcutting programme" immediately.—Associated Press.

Sofia, Sept. 9.
Military detachments and political, sporting and other organisations took part today in a parade in front of the Bulgarian parliament buildings to commemorate the second anniversary of the formation of the Fatherland Front Government.

Bulgarian Prime Minister, Colonel Kimon Georgiev, and the leader, Mr. George Dimitrov, took the salute. Foreign diplomats and members of the Bulgarian Cabinet were present.—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 9.
All the employees of numerous broadcasting stations here are on strike today following a dispute which started when musicians demanded more pay and a Christmas bonus. The stations replied that the musicians contracted with the directors of the orchestras, who should be responsible for extra pay. The only station now broadcasting is the National "Radio del Estado" which is transmitting over the network of stations which are without employees.—Reuter.

SWAYTHLING SMILED BROADLY

London, Sept. 10.
Forty-five minutes after bidding began for some of his Old Masters at Christie's auction rooms Lord Swaythling was richer by £180,000.

The sale was one of London's biggest in years. It is reported that "Lord Swaythling smiled broadly during the bidding."

Smash hit of the offering was an "outsider," John Constable's fine landscape, "Stratford Mill on the Stour," of a tree-rimmed bay with anglers in the foreground.

The bidding opened at 5000 guineas, and within two minutes had reached £43,050.

It was sold to Messrs. Ellis and Smith, art dealers, who were given an almost unlimited ticket to purchase it for Mr. Walter Hutchison, publisher.

"It's cheap at the price—it would have been a shame to let it get out of England," said Mr. Hutchison.

6,000 Miles In 40-Footer

Miami, Florida, Sept. 10.
A second group of Estonian refugees arrived in Miami on Monday without visas.

The group of 11, including a girl aged three and a Finland, travelled nearly 6,000 miles in a 40-foot vessel, powered by a small engine and a single sail, from Sweden.

A spokesman said that the group was trying to escape from the Russians.

A group of 15 arrived on Aug. 31 and are living in a vacant warehouse awaiting the passage of their appeal to the Immigration Board for entrance. Immigration authorities said that the second group would be handled similarly.—Associated Press.

Gainsborough's "Harvest Wagon," which was expected to bring top price of the sale, started at 5000 guineas and was finally sold for £20,000 to Dr. Bodkin, acting on behalf of the Barber Institute of Birmingham University.

Another Gainsborough was quickly disposed of for 4000 guineas. A wooded landscape by Hobbema, the Dutchman, brought 10,000 guineas into the Swaythling coffers.

MOSLEM RESENTMENT

Karachi, Sept. 9.
The Council of the Sind Provincial Moslem League has recommended the All-India Moslem League to seek Soviet aid in putting the "feelings of deep resentment" of Indian Moslems before the United Nations.

The Council felt confident that the "present deplorable attitude" of the British could thus be altered and "Britain made to hand over power to Moslems in the Moslem majority provinces."—Reuter.

TEST OF STATESMANSHIP

(Continued from Page 1.)
The leader of the Syrian delegation, His Excellency Faris Bey al-Khourl, acknowledged Mr. Attlee's speech of welcome and said the Arabs hoped to reply at the next session.—Reuter.

A Note.
Jerusalem, Sept. 10.
Rajal Hussein, Director of the Arab Office in London, who arrived in Palestine yesterday, is expected to carry out a tour of the British Gov-

RECORD ATTEMPT

Tangmere, Sept. 9.
Group Captain E. M. Donaldson, the R.A.F. jet flyer who broke the world air speed record on Saturday, decided today to attempt to raise his figure of 416 miles per hour tomorrow evening if prospects of warm weather hold good.—Reuter.

Rockets To The Moon

Washington, Sept. 10.
Within 10 years, rockets from the earth may reach the moon, said Colonel James Bain, chief of the Guided Missiles Branch of the Army Ordnance Department of Research and Development.

Colonel Bain said "if you want to put a chunk of iron about the size of your fist on the moon, that can be done in a relatively short time. Maybe in about 10 years. If you want to land something bigger, it will take much longer."

The cost is now prohibitive involving millions of dollars, he said.

Brigadier-General Henry Snyder, chief of the Ordnance Development and Research Department, told of plans to develop artificial satellites of meteors about 75 miles above the surface of the earth. They would push the pieces of metal high enough to be beyond the pull of earth's gravitation to pull them back. In that case, they would circle the earth permanently as satellites.—Associated Press.

Marines Sue Former C.O.

Los Angeles, Sept. 10.
Four Marines, alleging they were failed in Japan without cause, today filed suit for \$100,000 damages against their former commanding officer, accusing him of extorting \$1,000 for their release.

They said they were jailed June 17 at the United States Naval station at Yokosuka, then transferred to the U.S.S. Sanson and finally to Miramar, California. They named Lt.-Col. John P. Condon as defendant.

The plaintiff, Francis P. Lombardo, Robert W. Cockney, Jr., John E. Wilson and Raymond H. Brown, alleged they were held without charges, either civil or military. Their attorney said they were acquitted by court-martial in Japan of a charge of appropriating Government property but remained incarcerated until their release they were required to sign a release of \$1,000 in yen taken from Wilson when they were first arrested.—Associated Press.

Continued Where Left Off 11 Years Ago

London, Sept. 10.
Eleven years after he told his boyhood sweetheart "we'll be married as soon as I get back from foreign service," Thomas Scott, of Morpeth-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has kept the pledge.

But during those eleven years the girl, believing him dead, had married another man and been left a widow.

It was in 1935 that Thomas, going abroad with the Army, made the pledge to Winifred, his cousin. For seven years they corresponded, planning their wedding.

Then in 1942 Thomas was reported missing, believed killed, when the "Laban Maru" taking him from Hong Kong to a Japanese prison camp was torpedoed.

Winifred married, but her husband was killed in Germany. Then word was received that Thomas was alive, although he had lost a leg and part of the other foot.

When he returned to Britain the romance was resumed, and at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Register Office, he married Winifred—Mrs. Gorman, of Spittal-terrace, Newcastle.—Reuter.

Thomas told a reporter: "When I got back we just continued our romance where we broke off."

"And as a wedding present they got the news that the Corporation had accepted them as tenants for a house."

Indians Still 111 Runs Behind

Scarborough, Sept. 9.
The Indians were still 111 runs behind Mr. Leveson-Gower's XI with seven wickets in hand, when stumps were drawn on the second day of the match here.

With 206 runs behind after each side had completed an innings, the Indians scored 95 for three at the close of play.

Travancore's Swimming Gala

Owing to the typhoon warning, and the forecast of bad weather last Saturday, the Swimming Gala organised by the Travancore Infantry in aid of H.E. the Governor's Fund had to be postponed till Saturday this week. The organisers regret very much the inconvenience caused by this unavoidable postponement.

The programme announced for last Saturday will remain unchanged. The members of the V.V.S. are arranging many interesting side-shows starting at 4 p.m., which ought to prove very popular and exciting. The F.A.N.Y. have kindly agreed to run refreshment stalls for the benefit of visitors.

The sale of tickets has exceeded early estimates, and in order not to disappoint those who still wish to buy tickets additional accommodation has been provided. Tickets are available at:—

Kowloon

(i) H.Q. 1 Travancore Infantry, Gun Club Hill, Chatham Road.
(ii) H.Q. R.A.F. Station, Kai Tak.
(iii) Harilela's Emporium, Kowloon, Hotel Building. (Back of Peninsula Hotel).

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Major M. Gopalan and Officers 1 Travancore Infantry wish to express their gratitude to Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd., China Light and Power Co., Ltd., Sincere Co., Ltd., The Wing On Co., Ltd., The China Emporium, The Sun Co., Ltd., and Mr. G. M. Arthur for presenting beautiful trophies and to the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Messrs. Man Hing Hong, Messrs. R. H. Kotewall & Co., Mr. R. Ho Tung and Messrs. Twh Wuh Co., Ltd., for their generous donations to the Swimming Gala.

Tommy Walker Turns Out For Chelsea

London, Sept. 9.
Tommy Walker, the Scottish International inside-right transferred for £4,000 from Hearts to Chelsea over the weekend, made his debut in the London club's colours at Sheffield tonight.

He showed clever footwork and dazzling power and combined well with the centre forward, Tommy Lawton. Although not among the goal scorers he played a large part in Chelsea's 2-2 draw with Sheffield United.

Barnesley easily disposed of Sheffield Wednesday to go to the top of Division II. Mansfield's goalless draw at Walsall gave them a one point lead over their nearest rivals in Division III South.

Other results were: Second Division: Burney 3 Newport County 2; Fulham 3 West Ham United 2; Swansea Town 3 Notts Forest 2; Tottenham Hotspur 2 Southampton 1.

League III (Southern): Bristol Rovers 3 Watford 4; Cardiff City 2 Bournemouth 0; Port Vale 1 Northampton 1.

League III (Northern): Bradford City 2 New Brighton 1; Crewe Alexandra 2 Hull City 0; Oldham Athletic 3 Rochdale 2; Stockport County 1 Doncaster Rovers 3.—Reuter.

"Keep It On The Island"

(By Archie Quick)

London, Sept. 9.
Norman Bassett, son of William Bassett, 16 times English International player, is making an attempt to get the FA rules altered.

Norman, like his illustrious father, is director of West Bromwich and a game is to be played today, as I write, substituting throws in with kicks in every time the ball goes out of play.

The idea is to speed up the game and penalise more than now the side that kicks out.

Remember the old cry "Keep it on the island." Well, if Bassett Junior gets his way players will be chary of doing anything else but keep it on the island for free kicks instead of throws in.

Norman last season checked the Albion-Barnford match by a stop-watch and found the ball out of play 35 minutes out of the 90 minutes. The new scheme is the result.—Reuter.

Chess

Only two of the eleven games on last evening's programme in the Kowloon Chess Club's Ladder Tournament were played yesterday. Nine of the 22 players turned up and five walk-overs were claimed.

Results were:—F. X. Sequeira beat V.V. Kolatchoff, and R.C. Danenberg beat J. Tausz.

Adjusted standings on the ladder are:

1. L.M. Rodrigues; 2. A.P. Ricci; 3. F.A. Gutierrez; 4. E.D. Gardner; 5. A.E. Gomes; 6. A.B. Botelho; 7. C.A. Fisher; 8. R.C. Tavares; 9. C.E. Carneiro; 10. J.P. Tavares; 11. J.H. Almeida; 12. R.C. Gardner; 13. B. Kruchkoff; 14. Col. H.M. Whitcombe; 15. L.A. da Costa; 16. F.X. Sequeira; 17. V.V. Kolatchoff; 18. R.C. Danenberg; 19. J. Tausz; 20. Capt. B.M. Moreddith; 21. E. Tausz; 22. C.M. Sequeira; 23. To Yu Lau.

SPORTING GESTURE

New York, Sept. 10.
Tom Brown junior, of San Francisco, who beat two members of the American Davis Cup team—Frankie Parker and Gardner Mulvey—before losing the National tennis championship's final to Jack Kramer of Los Angeles, will not play in the inter-zone final between the United States and Sweden.

The Davis Cup rules provide that a nation must name its team 10 days before a match.

The Swedish captain, Kurt Oberg, offered to waive the rule. Oberg, a Brown playmate, but the American captain, Walter Pate, declined to take advantage of a rival's sporting gesture.

Brown's sensational tennis will undoubtedly get him a place in the American team which will go to Australia.—Associated Press.

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